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FOIPA Request No.: 1344263-000
Subject: SAVAGE, GUS

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Sincerely,

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David M. Hardy
Section Chief,
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Records Management Division

Enclosure(s)

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Chicago, Illinois
March 17, 1970

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**UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; ALLEGED IRREGULARITIES
IN VOTING PROCEDURES, 21ST WARD, 84TH
PRECINCT, 3RD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT,
PRIMARIES, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, MARCH 17,
1970 - ELECTION LAWS**

On March 17, 1970, Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] Northern District of Illinois, Chicago, Illinois, advised that the following alleged voting irregularities had been phoned into him by Augustus Savage, Independent Democratic candidate, 3rd Congressional District.

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Savage advised AUSA [redacted] that persons have entered voting places during the day in the 21st Ward, 84th Precinct, and have been denied their right to vote in the Democratic Primary. Savage claimed that the persons in this district who have always voted Democratic have entered the polling place and declared themselves Democratic, wishing to vote in the primary. Savage related that these persons have reportedly been told that they are registered as Republicans and thereby, not given a Democratic ballot. Savage also stated that young persons claiming never to have voted before have appeared at the polling places declaring themselves Democratic, wishing to vote in the Democratic Primaries. According to Savage, they also allegedly have been told in some cases, that they were listed as Republicans and thereby denied a Democratic ballot. [redacted] furnished the following names of persons Savage claims were not given Democratic ballots:

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On March 17, 1970, the information furnished by AUSA [redacted] was telephonically furnished to [redacted] Investigation Section, Chicago Board of Election Commissioners, Chicago, Illinois.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (56-New)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS; Alleged Irregularities
in Voting Procedures, 21st Ward,
84th Precinct, 3rd Congressional
District, Primaries
Chicago, Illinois, 3/17/70
ELECTION LAWS

Enclosed herewith is the original and three
copies of a self-explanatory Letterhead Memorandum (LHM)
concerning alleged voting irregularities in the 21st Ward,
84th Precinct, 3rd Congressional District. A copy of this
LHM is being furnished to the USA, Chicago, Illinois.

AUSA [] Chicago, has recommended
that consideration be given to institute investigation in
this matter to establish if voters' rights have been vio-
lated in regard to the complaint set forth in this LHM.
For the further information of the Bureau, Chicago sources
have reported that AGUSTUS SAVAGE was a member of the CP
of Illinois in 1950, 1955 and 1959.

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UNSUB. ALLEGED IRREGULARITY IN VOTING PROCEDURES, TWENTY-FIRST WARD, EIGHTY FOURTH PRECINCT, THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT PRIMARY, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, MARCH SEVENTEEN, INSTANT.

ON MARCH SEVENTEEN, INSTANT, AUGUSTUS SAVAGE, INDEPENDANT CANDIDATE, THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, ADVISED AUSA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THAT PERSONS HAVE ENTERED POLLING PLACES IN THE TWENTY FIRST WARD, EIGHTYFOURTH PRECINCT AND BEEN DENIED RIGHT TO VOTE IN DEMOCRATIC PAPT Y PRIMARY. CLAIMS PERSONS WHO HAVE ALWAYS VOTED DEMOCRATIC HAVE DECLARED THEMSELVES DEMOCRATIC. WHEN ENTERING THE POLLING PLACE; HOWEVER, THESE PERSONS HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT THEY ARE REGISTERED AS REPUBLICAN AND THEREBY NOT GIVEN DEMOCRATIC BALLOT. ALSO YOUNG PERSONS CLAIMING NEVER TO HAVE VOTED BEFORE HAVE APPEARED AT POLLING PLACE DECLARING THEMSELVES DEMOCRATIC. THEY ALLEGEDLY ARE TOLD THEY ARE LISTED AS REPUBLICAN AND DENIED DEMOCRATIC BALLOT. [REDACTED]

FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING NAMES OF PERSONS SAVAGE CLAIMS WERE

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AUSA [REDACTED] RECOMMENDS THAT CONSIDERATION
TO INSTITUTING INVESTIGATION ON THIS MATTER TO ESTABLISH
VOTERS RIGHTS HAVE BEEN VIOLATED IN THIS REGARD. [REDACTED]
CONCURS. LHM FOLLOWS. [REDACTED] BOARD OF ELECTION
COMMISSIONERS, ADVISED OF ABOVE INFORMATION. FOR INFORMATION
BUREAU, CHICAGO SOURCES REPORTED AUGUSTUS SAVAGE MET
IN NINETEEN FIFTY, FIFTYFIVE, AND FIFTYNINE.

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TO CHICAGO

FROM DIRECTOR

UNSUB. ALLEGED IRREGULARITY IN VOTING PROCEDURES, TWENTY-
FIRST WARD, EIGHTY FOURTH PRECINCT, THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
PRIMARY, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, MARCH SEVENTEEN, NINETEEN SEVENTY.
AUGUSTUS SAVAGE - COMPLAINANT. ELECTION LAWS.

RE CHICAGO TELETYPE THREE SEVENTEEN SEVENTY.

CHICAGO INTERVIEW AUGUSTUS SAVAGE TO OBTAIN COMPLETE
DETAILS CONCERNING HIS ALLEGATION SET FORTH IN RETEL. BASED UPON
RESULTS OF INTERVIEW WITH SAVAGE, CONDUCT ALL OTHER APPROPRIATE
INVESTIGATION WARRANTED TO ROUND OUT THE FACTS IN THIS MATTER.
SUBMIT RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION IN REPORT FORM.

ADVISE ALL PERSONS CONTACTED INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED
AT SPECIFIC REQUEST OF [REDACTED] AAG, CRIMINAL DIVISION,

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Date March 25, 1970

[redacted]
after being advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the inquiry, furnished the following information:

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He is employed by the [redacted]
and during work hours can be reached at [redacted]
extension [redacted] and is classified as an [redacted]
[redacted] presently assigned to a [redacted] contract
held by the [redacted]

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On March 17, 1970, he went to the 84th Precinct of the 21st Ward, where voting was being conducted at the Wisler Schook, 11533 South Ada Street, Chicago. He was told by one of the judges, whose name he does not know, that he had voted last time (1968) as a Republican, and also that his wife had voted in the Primary Election in 1968 as a Republican. ✓

[redacted] explained that this would be impossible since neither he nor his wife had voted before in a primary election and the only reason he was voting in this primary election was because he had a particular preference for one of the Democratic Party candidates, namely AUGUSTUS A. SAVAGE, who was a Democratic candidate for the Third Congressional District.

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After receiving this information, he telephoned a [redacted] (phonetic) at the Board of Election Commissioners (BEC), located in City Hall, 121 North LaSalle Street, (DE 2-3050). This [redacted] who he understood to be an attorney, explained to him it was the law that one cannot change his party preference for a period of 23 months and therefore, 23 months had not elapsed since he allegedly voted in the 1968 Primary, which was held in approximately May or June, 1968.

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[redacted] requested [redacted] to check his voter registration at City Hall, but [redacted] explained that this

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has been destroyed, however, [] told him there were others who had had a similar experience in connection with their preference being listed as a Republican where as they really said they had a Democratic Party preference.

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At the suggestion of [] returned to the polling place at approximately 5:30PM on March 17, 1970, where he was told that someone from downtown had been there in connection with the above matter. However, at this time, he again called the BEC and talked with an Attorney []

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At [] request, he handed the telephone to a [] (phonetic), who he believes to have been a judge at the polling place. Thereafter, [] gave him a Democratic Party ballot and he did cast his vote. [] further explained that his [] never did vote, but it was for personal reasons. At the time he was shown a voting card at 9:30 in the morning, he also observed his wife's voting card and it too had an "R" on it which appeared to him to have been in the same handwriting, as the "R" on his card. He has no idea who placed the "R" or when the "R" was placed on their voting cards. He did not discount the possibility that someone else might have voted for him and his wife in the 1968 Primary Election, but he has no evidence of this.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date March 25, 1970

[redacted]
(telephone number [redacted], after being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and of the nature of the inquiry by SA C. LEONARD TREVIRANUS, [redacted] furnished the following information:

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At approximately 9:15 a.m., on March 17, 1970, he and his wife went to the 84th Precinct of the 21st Ward, located in the Wisler School, 11513 South Ada, Chicago. He gave the judges his name and asked for a Democratic Party Primary Ballot. The judge, whose name he does not know, looked up his voting card and then advised that he had voted in the 1968 Primary as a Republican. At this time, [redacted] saw both his voter registration card and that of his wife. On the back of these cards was the initial "R" and he believes that both "R's" were written in the same handwriting.

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He made a fuss about this as he had never voted Republican in the past. One of the judges then made a telephone call to the 21st Ward Headquarters and said that someone was coming out to look into the matter. Also, one of the judges said that he was about the 10th person for whom an apparent mistake had been made in designating their voting preference as Republican rather than Democratic.

After about 45 minutes when no one from the Ward Headquarters showed up, and during this time he was complaining loudly about this matter, he was permitted to cast his vote in the Democratic Primary as he originally desired.

He has no idea who placed the "R" on his card or when the "R" was placed on her card. [redacted] explained that the voter never has an opportunity to handle his voting card so that it would have to be someone

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He heard that others for whom this mistake was made, went back later in the day and voted. He knows of no one who was actually denied the right to vote.

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1Date March 25, 1970

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SA C. LEONARD TREVIRANUS/CLT/cb

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1Date March 25, 1970

[redacted]
(telephone [redacted], after being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and of the nature of the inquiry by SA C. LEONARD TREVIRANUS, she furnished the following information:

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Sometime during the mid-morning of March 17, 1970, she went to the 84th Precinct of the 21st Ward to cast her vote in the Primary Election. After she requested a Democratic Primary Ballot, she was advised by one of the judges, [redacted] (Last Name Unknown), that she had previously declared herself as a Republican.

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[redacted] explained that she never voted before in any Primary Election and she tried to explain this to the judges.

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She heard that there were other persons whose identities she does not know, who had the same experience, but she knows of no one who was actually denied the right to vote provided they returned to the voting place.

In her case, [redacted] who was working for AUGUSTUS SAVAGE who was running for United States Congressman in the Third Congressional District, called her that afternoon and told her that everything was straightened out and that if she returned to the polling place, she could cast her vote.

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[redacted] explained that [redacted] in the meantime returned home after he had stopped off at the polling place to vote on his way home from work. By this time she did not feel like returning to the polling place as it was so close to six o'clock that she probably would have missed out due to the closing of the polls at 6 p.m.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date March 25, 1970

[redacted]
for AUGUSTUS SAVAGE running in the Third Congressional District Primary for the Office of United States Congressman. was interviewed at his residence, [redacted] (Telephone [redacted]). After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and of the nature of the inquiry, [redacted] furnished the following information:

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He has been active politically in the Independent Voters of Illinois (IVI), and after IVI endorsed SAVAGE, he became a self-appointed [redacted] [redacted] for SAVAGE. In this capacity, he urged a lot of voters to cast their vote in the primary election on March 17, 1970. In the 84th Precinct 21st Ward, there was a situation in which a number of people were advised by the judges that they had previously declared a preference for the Republican Party and this was indicated by a "R" on the back of their voting registration card maintained by the Board of Election Commissioners (BEC), Room 308, City Hall, 121 North La Salle Street, Chicago.

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[redacted] identified [redacted]
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[redacted] as among those who had experienced this.

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[redacted] suspects these voting cards were altered to show a Republican Preference before the voting date, but he has no one as a suspect.

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When the situation involving [redacted] was called to his attention, he telephoned the BEC. The man he talked to at the BEC would not give his name. However, Alderman WILSON FROST came out to the 84th Precinct with three men from the BEC. AUGUSTUS SAVAGE was also there at the time.

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As a result of this, he understood the matter had been straightened out. He knows of no one who was denied the right to vote, who made the effort to return to the voting place. He does not know how many of the people in this situation may have returned.

[] explained that the voting binders were brought out for the Constitutional Convention which was held in approximately October, 1969, and in his opinion, not supported by fact, he believes there is a strong possibility the voting cards were altered at that time. Furthermore, there is no one in the 84th Precinct, who has served as a judge whom he would suspect of doing such a thing. Actually, he has the highest regard for the judges and he considers that it was an honest election board.

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[] further explained that for the past ten years WILLIAM T. MURPHY was the United States Congressman representing the Third Congressional District in Chicago. The regular Democratic Party, however, did not reslate WILLIAM T. MURPHY for the Primary Election for March 17, 1970, but in his place was MORGAN MURPHY. Opposing MORGAN MURPHY was AUGUSTUS SAVAGE.

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He recently talked to [] who was a poll watcher for SAVAGE at the 84th Precinct, 21st Ward and [] told him she is not able to identify who the voters were for whom a Republican preference was incorrectly shown on their voting cards.

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[] stated there are approximately 650 eligible voters in the 84th Precinct, 21st Ward, and that according to his count there were 305 votes cast for SAVAGE, 42 votes cast for MORGAN MURPHY and a small number of Republican ballots cast which he can only estimate as around 20. Since the blacks outnumber the white in this area by possibly more than 5 to 1, he could only conclude that he was unsuccessful in getting the blacks out to vote in any great numbers.

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[redacted]
[redacted], after being advised of the identity of the interviewing agent, and the nature of the inquiry, furnished the following information:

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At approximately 9:30AM on March 17, 1970, she attempted to cast her vote in the Primary Election at the Higgins School, 11710 South Morgan Street, Chicago, which was the polling place for the 84th Precinct of the 21st Ward.

[redacted] explained that she became 21 years of age in [redacted] that this was the first time she had ever voted in her life, and that she would not have had an opportunity to change her voting preference after having reached the age of 21, since a new law in Illinois specified that a person could not change their voting preference at this time, until the voter had waited a period of 23 months. She explained she is a college student in Chicago and that she is employed in the afternoons by the [redacted].

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When she declared her preference for a Democratic ballot, she was informed by an unknown polling official that she was registered as voting Republican. However, after establishing her birth date from records in her purse, the judges were satisfied that she was a new voter and could not have previously voted Republican, as her voting card indicated. She was permitted to vote.

She has no idea who put the "R" on her voting card or when the "R" was placed thereon.

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Date March 25, 1970

[redacted]
(telephone [redacted] after being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and of the nature of the inquiry by SA C. LEONARD TREVIRANUS, furnished the following information:

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He is the [redacted] for AUGUSTUS SAVAGE, who was a candidate in the Democratic Primary Election for United States Congressman for the Third Congressional District for which election was held on March 17, 1970. He has never held any position with the Board of Election Commissioners (BEC) for the City of Chicago which is located in City Hall, Room 308.

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He is employed as a [redacted] with the [redacted]
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He only knows of five voters, who, when they went to cast their ballot were advised they had voted Republican in the 1968 Primary Election. He identified these as [redacted] and [redacted]

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He knows of no one else by name although he heard there were others whose party preference had been altered from Democratic to Republican.

He identified [redacted] as one of the judges in the 84th Precinct, 21st Ward. He believes she was a supporter of SAVAGE. In talking with her, however, he was not able to learn the identities of anyone other than the above five whose voting cards had been altered.

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It is his opinion that the voting cards were altered "Downtown" at BEC because he believes the election board at the 84th Precinct was fair and honest.

On 3/24/70 at Chicago, Illinois
by SA [redacted] and
SA C. LEONARD TREVIRANUS/CLT/cb

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He suggested that SAVAGE lost the Primary Election to the regular Democratic candidate MORGAN MURPHY because the blacks did not come out and vote. Actually, the 84th Precinct, 21st Ward is 85 per cent black and only 15 per cent white. And although SAVAGE carried the 84th Precinct by an overwhelming vote, MURPHY, his white opponent was able to carry the rest of the Third Congressional District with a 2 to 1 majority.

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Date March 23, 1970

AUGUSTUS A. SAVAGE, candidate for United States Congressman, Third Congressional District, was interviewed at his office where he is editor and publisher of the Citizens Newspaper, 7931 South Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, telephone 994-3721. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the inquiry, Mr. SAVAGE furnished the following information:

He was the unsuccessful candidate in the Democratic primary election held on March 17, 1970. His opponent defeated him by a margin of approximately 2 to 1. However, he wished to report the following possible Federal Election Laws violation or violations:

1. A [redacted] who reached her 21st birthday in [redacted] prior to March 17, went to her polling place, Higgins School, 11710 South Morgan Street, Chicago, and when declaring her preference as a Democrat, was informed that there was an "P" on her card.

Mr. SAVAGE explained that this "P" indicated that [redacted] had previously declared herself a Republican for purposes of the primary election. Mr. SAVAGE further explained that in accordance with State of Illinois law, a voter could not switch his affiliation except after a lapse of a period of 23 months.

Mr. SAVAGE understood that the Board of Elections Commissioners (BEC), which are located in Room 308 of City Hall, 121 North La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois, (DE2-3050) were notified and sent out a representative to the voting place in Higgins School as a result of this incident. According to information he has received, the representative of the BEC made the observation that the "R" placed on [redacted] voter registration card

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SAs [redacted]

by C. LEONARD TREVIRANUS/CLT/CLH

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was in different handwriting from the other handwriting on the card.

Mr. SAVAGE said he did not know whether [redacted] eventually voted, but that it is his opinion that this and other incidents of placing "R's" on voter registration cards constitute an attempt to deny [redacted] and the others the right to vote using a fraudulent method.

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2. [redacted] is another individual identified by Mr. SAVAGE as having been advised that his voter registration card contained the initial "R". He understands that [redacted] went down to the BEC and reported this, but Mr. SAVAGE has no further information as to whether or not [redacted] did eventually vote.

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3. [redacted] also had "R's" on their voter registration cards maintained by BEC at the polling place, but he does not know where the particular voting place was for these people.

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Mr. SAVAGE identified two of his poll watchers who might be able to furnish additional information concerning the placing of "R's" on voter registration cards at polling places in an area where he would estimate that 1 out of 200 voters are registered Republicans.

[redacted] for SAVAGE of the 21st Ward, who resides at 11655 South Bishop, telephone [redacted]

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[redacted] who resides at [redacted]
[redacted] telephone [redacted]

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[redacted] who resides at [redacted]
[redacted] telephone [redacted] was interviewed
at the offices of Mr. AUGUSTUS A. SAVAGE, candidate
for United States Congressman from the Third
Congressional District, at 7931 South Martin Luther
King, Jr. Drive. After being advised of the identity
of the interviewing agents and of the nature of the
inquiry, [redacted] furnished the following information:

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He is an [redacted] for Mr. SAVAGE who was
the unsuccessful Democratic candidate for nomination
for the United States Congressman, Third Congressional
District, in connection with which a primary election
was held March 17, 1970. [redacted] maintains offices
at headquarters of [redacted]
[redacted] telephone [redacted]

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On election day, March 17, 1970, he traveled
throughout the 21st Ward as an official poll watcher,
appointed by Mr. SAVAGE, so that if a voting place was
undermanned he had the credentials to remain there as
a poll watcher. If there were already two poll watchers
present, he had the authority to send out one of the
poll watchers while he remained in the polling area.

At the 84th Precinct of the 21st Ward, the
polling place was located at the Ada Whistler School,
11533 South Ada, Chicago. Although he does not have
the identity of the voters available to him, based
upon his observation he would estimate approximately
30 voters were listed as having declared themselves
on behalf of the "Republican Party", but this was
inaccurate.

In each incident, the procedure was for the
voter to request the Democratic ballot for the
primary, but would be informed by a judge or judges
that they were Republican because an "R" appeared on

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by SAs [redacted]
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their voter registration card.

He understands that these errors were early in the day, called in to the Board of Elections Commissioners (BEC), Room 308, City Hall, 121 North La Salle Street, telephone DE2-3050.

Also, Chicago City Alderman WILSON FROST for the 21st Ward, came out to the 21st Ward.

Also, he understands that BEC ruled that if approximately 30 persons would return to vote, that they would be allowed to vote; however he heard that some of the voters returned again and were told that they could not vote. He has no further details as to the time element involved.

He suggested that [redacted]
[redacted] for Mr. AUGUSTUS SAVAGE, who
resides at [redacted] telephone [redacted]
would be able to confirm the above incidents.

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TITLE OF CASE UNSUBS; ALLEGED IRREGULARITIES IN VOTING PROCEDURES, 21ST WARD, 84TH PRECINCT, 3RD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, PRIMARIES, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, 3/17/70		REPORT MADE BY SA C. LEONARD TREVIRANUS	TYPED BY sls
		CHARACTER OF CASE ELECTION LAWS	

REFERENCES: Chicago teletype to Bureau, 3/17/70;
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ADMINISTRATIVE

All persons contacted were advised this investigation being conducted at the specific request of [REDACTED] AAG, Criminal Division. It is noted none of the persons interviewed desired to furnish a signed statement.

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Report of:

SA C. LEONARD TREVIRANUS

Office: Chicago, Illinois

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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; ALLEGED IRREGULARITIES IN VOTING PROCEDURES, 21ST WARD, 84TH PRECINCT, 3RD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, PRIMARIES, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, MARCH 17, 1970

Character:

ELECTION LAWS

Synopsis:

AUGUSTUS A. SAVAGE, Democratic Party candidate for United States Congressman, 3rd Congressional District, in primary election, 3/17/70, and who was defeated by a two to one majority by Democratic Party candidate MORGAN MURPHY, identified for Democratic Party voters in 21st Ward, 84th Precinct, Chicago, whose voting cards showed "R" representing Republican Party preference: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] for SAVAGE; and [REDACTED] for SAVAGE, unable to identify any other voters whose voting cards had been marked "R." Interviews of these four voters verified this information, but all of them eventually voted. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] did not return to the polls to vote after having been advised in the AM her voting card showed a "R."

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PETITION FOR NOMINATION FOR **ALDERMAN** OF THE TWENTY-FIRST WARD OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The undersigned qualified and duly registered legal voters of the TWENTY-FIRST WARD of the City of Chicago, in Cook County, Illinois, in their own proper persons, in accordance with the laws relating thereto, make the following nomination for the office of ALDERMAN OF THE TWENTY-FIRST WARD of said City of Chicago, to be voted for at the General Aldermanic Election to be held on the twenty-eighth Day of February, A.D., 1967, viz:

AUGUSTUS A. SAVAGE

who resides in said Ward at 9907 South Morgan Street, in said City of Chicago

SIGNATURE OF QUALIFIED VOTER

RESIDENCE ADDRESS

This shall include in full (1) the House Number; (2) Whether Street is "E." or "S"; (3) Name of Street; and (4) Whether Street is "Street," "Avenue," "Boulevard," or "Place."

ALL MUST BE WRITTEN BY THE VOTER IN PERSON

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STATE OF ILLINOIS, }
COUNTY OF COOK, } ss.

I, _____, being first duly sworn,

(Insert Name of Person Circulating this Petition, and Making the Affidavit)

upon oath, depose and say: That I am a qualified voter of the TWENTY-FIRST WARD of the City of Chicago, in Cook County, Illinois, and reside at Number _____ in the City of Chicago, County of Cook and State of Illinois: I hereby certify that the signatures on this sheet of the said petition for nomination were signed in my presence, and are the genuine signatures of the persons whose names are contained thereon; that to the best of my knowledge and belief the persons who so signed this sheet of said petition for nomination were, at the time of signing the same, qualified voters, and were at the time of signing this sheet of said petition for nomination duly registered legal voters in the TWENTY-FIRST WARD, for which political division of the City of Chicago, Illinois, the above candidate, upon the proper filing of his said petition, is nominated, and that the signers' respective residence addresses are correctly stated as above set forth.

(This line for Signature of Person Circulating this Petition and Making this Affidavit)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, A. D. 1966

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FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (56-)

"CHANGED" ALLEGED UNFAIR REMOVAL OF TWO INDEPENDENT
ALDERMANIC CANDIDATES FROM FEBRUARY TWENTYEIGHT, SIXTYSEVEN
MUNICIPAL ELECTION BALLOT BY BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, [REDACTED] AUGUSTUS A.
SAVAGE - VICTIM, CR - EL.

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TITLE HAS BEEN CHANGED TO REFLECT NAMES OF VICTIMS AND
ALLEGED VIOLATIONS.

REFERENCE IS MADE TO CHICAGO AIRTEL AND TEL TO BUREAU
IN THIS MATTER JANUARY TWENTYTHREE, LAST, CAPTIONED, "REQUEST
FOR FEDERAL INTERVENTION IN BEHALF OF TWO INDEPENDENT
ALDERMANIC CANDIDATES RULED OFF THE FEBRUARY TWENTYEIGHT,
SIXTYSEVEN MUNICIPAL ELECTION BALLOT BY BOARD OF ELECTION
COMMISSIONERS, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, CR - EL."

LETTER DATED JANUARY TWENTYFOUR, INSTANT, RECEIVED
FROM USA, CHICAGO, ENCLOSED TWO TELEGRAMS RECEIVED BY HIM
FROM VICTIMS AND FROM MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE FOR AN EFFECTIVE

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CITY COUNCIL. TELEGRAMS CONTAINED ESSENTIALLY SAME
INFORMATION AS SET FORTH IN RE TEL AND RE AIRTEL. USA
REQUESTED INTERVIEW OF VICTIMS [] AND SAVAGE BE CONDUCTED
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS TO NATURE OF THEIR COMPLAINT AND THAT
REPORT OF SUCH INTERVIEWS ~~BE~~ FORWARDED TO CIVIL RIGHTS
DIVISION OF DEPARTMENT. RE AIRTEL ADVISED ^{SAVAGE} SI SUBJECT
CHICAGO OFFICE. CHICAGO RECOMMENDS INTERVIEW OF [] AND
SAVAGE BE CONDUCTED AND REQUESTS AUTHORITY FROM BUREAU TO DO
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Chicago, Illinois
January 23, 1967

**REQUEST FOR FEDERAL INTERVENTION
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ALDERMANIC CANDIDATES RULED OFF
THE FEBRUARY 28, 1967 MUNICIPAL
ELECTION BALLOT BY THE BOARD OF
ELECTION COMMISSIONERS,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS**

Articles in Chicago newspapers of January 23, 1967 captioned "U.S. Intervention Asked On Aldermanic Rulings" and "Two Dumped From Ballot Ask U.S. Help," substantially related that federal intervention was being requested in behalf of two independent aldermanic candidates who, with forty nine others, were ruled off the February 28, 1967 Municipal Election Ballot by the Board of Election Commissioners, Chicago, Illinois.

Telegrams requesting such intervention were reportedly sent by The Committee for an Effective City Council, organized on January 19, 1967, to Acting Attorney General Ramsey Clark and Assistant Attorney General John Doar, both at Washington, D.C., and to Edward V. Hanrahan, United States Attorney at Chicago, Illinois.

The articles related that the committee took its action in behalf of Augustus A. Savage, a community newspaper publisher who had filed in the 21st Ward, and Lamar L. Hoke who had filed in the 4th Ward. The telegram reportedly said that both Savage and Hoke had enough valid signatures on their petitions and it asked federal officials to correct "an arbitrary and unjust ruling by the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners." It said

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**REQUEST FOR FEDERAL INTERVENTION
IN BEHALF OF TWO INDEPENDENT
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that the civil rights of Savage and Hoke have been violated by this action and thousands of voters in the wards have been deprived of their rights to select their own candidates. It said the disenfranchisement is in violation of the 1965 Voter Rights Law and requires federal action similar to that taken in the Selma County, Alabama Sheriff's election of last year.

Chicago has not received any official complaint in this matter from any source, including the office of the United States Attorney, Chicago, Illinois. No further action is being taken by the Chicago Office in this matter. A copy of this Letterhead Memorandum has been directed to the United States Attorney, at Chicago, Illinois.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (56-0) (C)
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR FEDERAL INTERVENTION
IN BEHALF OF TWO INDEPENDENT
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ELECTION BALLOT BY BOARD OF
ELECTION COMMISSIONERS,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
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Re Chicago teletype to Bureau, dated 1/23/67.

Enclosed is the original and three copies of a self-explanatory LHM prepared in this matter.

For the information of the Bureau, AUGUSTUS A. SAVAGE is identical with AUGUSTUS ALEXANDER SAVAGE, who is presently an SI subject of the Chicago Office, Bufile 100-403958, Chicago file 100-22329. No action being taken by Chicago in this matter, UACB.

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REQUEST FOR FEDERAL INTERVENTION IN BEHALF OF TWO
INDEPENDENT ALDERMANIC CANDIDATES RULED OFF THE FEBRUARY TWENTY
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OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, CR - EL.

ARTICLE IN CHICAGO NEWSPAPERS OF JANUARY TWENTY THREE,
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TELEGRAMS REQUESTING SUCH INTERVENTION ~~WERE~~ REPORTEDLY SENT BY
~~THE~~ COMMITTEE FOR AN EFFECTIVE CITY COUNCIL, ORGANIZED JANUARY
NINETEEN, LAST, TO ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK, ~~AND~~
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL JOHN DOAR, ~~AND~~ WASHINGTON, D.C., AND
TO EDWARD V. HANRAHAN, U.S. ATTORNEY, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.
COMMITTEE REPORTEDLY TOOK ~~NO~~ ACTION IN BEHALF OF AUGUSTUS A.
SAVAGE, A COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER PUBLISHER WHO ~~HAD~~ FILED IN ~~THE~~
TWENTY FIRST WARD AND LAMAR L. HOKE, WHO ~~HAD~~ FILED IN ~~THE~~ FOURTH
WARD. SAVAGE AND HOKE REPORTEDLY HAD ENOUGH VALID SIGNATURES

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ON THEIR PETITIONS AND FEDERAL OFFICIALS WERE ASKED TO CORRECT "AN ARBITRARY AND UNJUST RULING BY THE CHICAGO BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS ". SAVAGE AND HOKE REPORTEDLY CLAIMED THEIR CIVIL RIGHTS ~~HAVE BEEN~~ VIOLATED BY THIS ACTION AND THOUSANDS OF VOTERS IN ~~TWO~~ WARDS ~~HAVE BEEN~~ DEPRIVED OF THEIR RIGHTS TO SELECT ~~THEIR~~ OWN CANDIDATES THEY CLAIMED THE DISENFRANCHISEMENT IS IN VIOLATION OF ~~THE~~ NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE VOTER RIGHTS LAW AND REQUIRES FEDERAL ACTION SIMILAR TO THAT TAKEN IN ~~THE~~ SELMA COUNTY, ALABAMA SHERIFF'S ELECTION LAST YEAR CHICAGO HAS RECEIVED NO OFFICIAL COMPLAINT IN THIS MATTER FROM ANY SOURCE INCLUDING USA'S OFFICE. CHICAGO CONTEMPLATES NO FURTHER ACTION IN THIS MATTER. LHM FOLLOWS.

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Protest Storm Likely 51-Council Hopefuls Barred

Fourth Of Ballot Wiped Out

The Board of Election Commissioners Saturday ruled off the Feb. 28 aldermanic ballot one fourth of the candidates who filed, including two New Breed Negro candidates from the South Side.

The sweeping action set the stage for a number of court battles and almost certain protests from communities involved.

Two of three Negro candidates from the nearly all-Negro 28th Ward on the West Side were stricken from the ballot. The Democratic machine candidate, Joseph Jambrone, was not challenged.

The commission's action came during a marathon 18½-hour session in City Hall.

FIFTY-ONE of 210 candidates for alderman were dropped by the commissioners on objections ranging from forged signatures to wrong addresses and illegal size nominating sheets.

Ten other candidates had previously voluntarily withdrawn their names.

In 1963, the election board ruled off 37 candidates in a field of 233. Sixteen others withdrew voluntarily.

The New Breed candidates — who had the backing of former State Rep. Abner J. Mikva (D-Chicago)—included Lamar L. Hoke of the 4th

Ward and Augustus A. Savage of the 21st Ward.

THE NEW Breed Committee sprang to prominence last year when its founder, David R. Reed, lost in a bid to unseat U.S. Rep. William L.

Dawson, longtime Democratic leader on the South Side.

Reed, a Republican, now is administrative assistant to Republican Richard Ogilvie, president of the County Board.

Mikva, who bucked the Democratic organization last year in trying to defeat U.S. Rep. Barratt O'Hara, threw his support behind six South Side independents running for alderman. Two of these six were removed from the ballot Saturday.

A spokesman for Savage said the candidate would confer with his attorneys Saturday about possible court action against the board.

The spokesman said the objection filed against Savage was filed under the wrong code of law and that the candidates remaining on the ballot had more serious charges filed against them.

Savage is the publisher of three community newspapers.

THE CANDIDATES

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stricken from the 28th Ward list were Leonard N. Foster, an attorney, and Edward L. Crawford. Both were dropped on objections filed by Harold N. Harlan, who said their petitions bore forged signatures.

A protest rally on behalf of the two dropped in the 28th Ward is scheduled for 3 p.m. Sunday in the Garfield Park Baptist Church, 4100 W. Jackson.

A spokesman said a course of action will be decided "by the people of the community" at that time.

He said the ward — 87-per cent Negro — is "enraged by the action." He noted that the candidate endorsed by the Democrats, Jambrone, is white.

The spokesman accused Mayor Richard J. Daley of renegeing on promises for political reform made during racial disturbances in the West Side community the last two summers.

THE BOARD'S action Saturday concluded four days of hearings on objections against 73 potential candidates.

Four incumbents emerge as unopposed on the ballot. They are Aldermen Donald R. Parrillo (1st), Leon M. Despres (5th), George W. Collins (24th) and Robert J. Sulski (32nd).

The 24th Ward is where then Ald. Benjamin F. Lewis was murdered on Feb. 27, 1963.

Among those ordered off the ballot was folk singer Win Strack, who filed to run for the seat being vacated by Ald. Mathias (Paddy) Bauler (43d).

Thirteen of only one of eight women who filed was removed — Sarah G. P. eternard of the 35th Ward.

Mordean Cole survived an objection raised against her candidacy in the 29th Ward.

HERE ARE the names of

candidates ruled off the ballot, and the names of objectors to their petitions, listed in numerical order of wards.

1st Ward — Dallas O. Littrell, on a sustained objection from Maxine Caldwell.

3d Ward — Robert Briscoe, on a sustained objection from Arlene N. Washington.

4th Ward — Lamar L. Hoke, on a sustained objection from Kenneth E. Grant.

6th Ward — Edward E. Hendricks, on a sustained objection from Lawrence P. Busser.

7th Ward — Sidney S. Altman, on a sustained objection from Russell W. Root.

8th Ward — Joseph C. Bridges and Emmett J. Lodge, both on a sustained objection from James L. Hicklin.

12th Ward — Peter Missing, on a sustained objection from George A. Kwak. John L. Gurninski and Russell R. Wilkins withdrew.

14th Ward — George E. Esch, Ronald M. Randich, Gilbert P. Consentino and Thomas Kringas, all on sustained objections from James P. O'Connell.

17th Ward — Bennie Guthrie, on a sustained objection from George T. Roper.

18th Ward — Raymond P. Carroll, on a sustained objection from Gabriel J. Barret.

20th Ward — James R. Hutchinson, on a sustained objection from Shelton de Pratto.

21st Ward — Augustus A. Savage and Nelson G. Rice, both on sustained objections from James H. Farrell.

24th Ward — Eugene Green, on a sustained objection from Calvanies Combest.

26th Ward — Marie C. Romano, Armando Torres and

Gerald L. Lonski, all on sustained objections from Michael L. Nardulli.

28th Ward — Leonard N. Foster and Edward L. Crawford, both on sustained objections from Harold D. Harlan.

29th Ward — Frederick D. Andrews, William A. Thomas and Dave Foard, all on sustained objections from William Todd.

32d Ward — Harry C. Fink and Walter J. Sokolowski, both on sustained objections from Theodore E. Kwasniewski.

33d Ward — John Leszynski, on a sustained objection from Carl R. Swanson.

34th Ward — Leon B. Antczak, on a sustained objection from Truman J. Eddy.

35th Ward — Sarah G. P. eternard, Thomas J. McLaughlin, Elmer V. Mayer and Charles J. Schwab, all on sustained objections from Carl F. Revera.

36th Ward — Vincent A. Avello withdrew. Yale A. Corcoran Sr., on a sustained

objection from Michael J. Hagopian. James V. Battista withdrew.

41st Ward — Donald H. Kaley withdrew. Casimir R. Bied, on a sustained objection from Eugene F. Dee.

43d Ward — Winfred J. (Win) Stracke, on a sustained objection from Alfred Bea-com.

44th Ward — Leo L. Day, on a sustained objection from Jerome Rauch. Arnold M. Kaufman and Daniel Sweeney withdrew.

45th Ward — Robert J. Reback, Leroy F. Meyer and Frank Louis Hubbel, on sustained objections from Edwin J. Latos.

46th Ward — Henry C. Wulff and Philip A. (Pat) Tu-

nis, on sustained objections from Edward S. Richman.

47th Ward — Robert N. Haage, John B. Fearon and Richard P. Walsh, all on sustained objections from Edward A. Hennigan.

48th Ward — Richard K. Hikawa, on a sustained objection from Kenneth M. Danberg.

49th Ward — Lawrence W. Bay, on a sustained objection from Ian Fingerman.

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TWO DUMPED FROM BALLOT ASK U.S. HELP

'Board Unjust' —Candidates

Federal intervention was sought yesterday to help two men who were among 51 candidates stricken from aldermanic lists by the board of election commissioners.

The Committee for an Effective City Council sent a telegram to Tom Clark, acting United States attorney, Edward Hanrahan, U. S. attorney here, and to John Doar, a civil rights specialist in the justice department.

The telegram asked the federal government to investigate the board of election commission's action in striking the names of August A. Savage, a candidate in the 21st ward, and Lamar L. Hoke, a candidate in the 4th ward.

Calls Board "Unjust"

The telegram stated the two candidates had a sufficient number of signatures on their petitions and described the board's action as "arbitrary and unjust."

The telegram said the candidates' civil rights have been violated and called for "federal action similar to that taken in the Selma county, Ala., sheriff elections last year."

Sending the telegram were the co-chairmen of the group: Warren Bacon, Timue? D. Black Jr., Abner J. Mikva, and Dr. Marvin Rosner. Hoke and Savage also sent telegrams on their own behalf.

Charges Carpetbagging

Herbert H. Muehl, 50th ward Republican committeeman, said yesterday that he asked G. O. P. county officers to fire those patronage employees sponsored by the ward's Democratic organization because it has been infiltrated by "carpetbaggers."

Muehl said he made the request of Richard B. Ogilvie, president of the county board, and Sheriff Joseph I. Woods, both of whom already have started firing county employees who got their jobs thru the backing of the 1st ward Democratic organization and its committeeman, John D'Arco.

"In recent years, many Democratic precinct captains from other wards have become active in the 50th ward," Muehl said in a statement. "Prior to this time, they worked precincts in the west side wards, particularly the 24th, where power politics and other unsavory influences have prevailed."

"Even More Disturbing"

"Even more disturbing are the indications that the old 24th ward brain trust has invaded the 50th ward to intervene in the aldermanic campaign."

Richard Elrod, an assistant corporation counsel, is seeking with Democratic support to oust Ald. Jack I. Sperling [50th], a Republican, in the Feb. 28 city election. Elrod is the son of the late County Commissioner Arthur X. Elrod, who was a 24th ward political power.

"They" themselves did not live in the areas where they labored for the Democratic machine," Muehl said. "They live in the 50th ward. Now they are being transferred and told to go spread their questionable methods of furthering the machine where they live."

"Resent Infiltration"

"We resent the infiltration of these carpetbaggers. Their effectiveness will be crippled when they are threatened with the loss of their jobs."

Muehl said he was not claiming the jobs for members of his own organization.

Sperling is seeking his fourth term in the City council. Elrod is making his first bid for public office.

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CLOSE RACES COULD HURT DALEY**Council Runoffs Seen in 16 Wards**

BY RAY MCCARTHY

It may be necessary to hold as many as 16 aldermanic runoffs after the Feb. 28 election for 50 city council seats.

The possibility of such a large number of runoffs in the April 1 mayoralty election exists primarily because of such issues as rising taxes and racial changes that have been created in many sections of the city.

If it becomes necessary to hold this many runoffs, it could have an adverse effect on the 4th term bid of Mayor Daley because the administration candidates would be forced to give their own elections priority over the mayoralty race.

Runoffs are created when no single candidate receives a majority of the total vote cast. In such cases, the two leading candidates are pitted against each other.

The Feb. 28 election is certain to decide the winners in 24 contests because 4 candidates are running unopposed and the 20 other races are confined to just two candidates.

Another 10 races are likely to be decided on Feb. 28 because the incumbent or administration candidates appear strong enough to obtain the necessary majority.

Certain runoffs appear likely in the 12th, 13th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 23d, and 42d wards and possible runoffs could take place in the 6th, 4th, 10th, 19th, 21st, 35th, 37th, and 50th wards.

Donald T. Swinarski, son of Democratic committeeman Ted Swinarski, can hardly avoid a runoff in the 12th ward. He is facing a field of six Republican candidates in an attempt to win a seat left vacant by Arthur V. Zelezinski, recently elected associate judge of the Circuit court.

The 13th ward, a part of the southwest side that was the target of civil rights demonstrations last summer, has attracted 11 candidates. Alexander G. Kumskis, a super-

visor for the Chicago park district, is trying to save an administration council seat that was vacated by Ald. David W. Healy, a backlash victim—even tho he voted against the open

housing ordinance. The possibility of one candidate getting a majority seems remote.

One of the incumbents who believes he can offset the sting of civil rights demonstrations last summer is Ald. Joseph J. Kraska [15th]. He will be opposed by five candidates who believe the backlash issue will not only create a runoff, but also bring about the ultimate defeat of the incumbent.

The 16th ward has to be in the runoff category because eight candidates are seeking a seat left vacant 2 years ago by the death of Paul M. Sheridan. The runoff is likely between Sheridan's Paul and a former secretary to the late alderman, Joseph Di Grazia.

Left Vacant by Chew

Five candidates have thrown their hats into the ring to win the 17th ward seat that was left vacant with the election of Charles Chew Jr. to the Illinois legislature. William H. Shannon, Democratic committeeman of ward, has the support of Chew.

One of the bitterest aldermanic fights of the campaign could take place among seven candidates in the 18th ward. They are in a wide open race for the seat left vacant by Ald. James C. Murray.

Murray, one of the architects of the city's fair housing ordinance, refused to seek re-election after he lost his own ward in an unsuccessful bid for a Circuit Court judgeship. Edward Hiney, ward superintendent, has been selected to try and keep the ward seat under Democratic control.

Backed by Waner

High taxes, the backlash issue, and a candidate backed by John Waner, Republican mayoralty candidate, could cause the Democrats to lose a

Frank Kuta, a lawyer, supported by the administration and Raymond R. Piwnicki, backed by Waner, are the leading contenders among six contestants for the seat left vacant by Ald. George V. Tourek.

The withdrawal of Mathias [Paddy] Bauler, clown prince of the city council, has made a seven-man race of the 43d ward aldermanic election. A runoff appears likely between Bauler's candidate Frang Cale, a former Wells street restaurateur and a Republican B. McCutcheon.

The city council could lose one of its incumbent Negro aldermen by a possible runoff in the 6th ward. Incumbent Robert H. Miller is in a three-way fight with A. A. [Sammy] Rayner Jr. and Leo E. Holt.

Rayner, an undertaker, won the 6th ward in his campaign against congressman William L. Dawson in the 1964 Democratic primary.

Might Take Runoff

The 8th ward is going to have Negro representation in the city council for the first time in its history, but it might take a runoff to decide the winner between Leslie N. Bland, William Cousins Jr., and Otto A. Hartwig. They are seeking a seat vacated by Ald. James C. Condon.

A five-man race in the 10th ward could force a runoff between incumbent, John J. Buchanan, an independent, and Stanley Zima, Democratic committeeman of the ward.

A racial issue was created between these two candidates last year when Buchanan backed former state Rep. Abner J. Mikva, who bucked the Democratic organization in trying to defeat United States Rep. Barratt O'Hara, supported by Zima.

Frank T. Carey, controversial president of the Chicago Patrolmen's association, vows he is going to cause a runoff in the three-way fight in the 19th ward. If he does, it probably will be between incumbent Ald.

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Thomas F. Fitzpatrick and Ernest E. Michaels.

Three Negro candidates are trying to force incumbent Ald. Samuel Yaksic, an independent, into a 21st ward runoff that could result in another city council seat being occupied by a Negro. The three who hope to force Yaksic in a runoff are Wilson Frost, James D. Montgomery, and David S. Logan.

A possible runoff could take place in the 35th ward because it was one of the northwest side wards subject to racial demonstrations. One of two candidates trying to unseat incumbent Ald. Casimir [Casey] Laskowski, is Steve Telow, president of the Kilbourn organization, a group that has picketed City hall to protest open occupancy demonstrations. John Tomczak is the other candidate against Laskowski.

The question of open housing has caused consternation in the 37th ward where Negroes recently have moved. Such a climate could permit three opponents to force incumbent Ald. Thomas J. Casey into a runoff.

He is opposed by R. E. Patrick Timme, Lawrence P. Cassidy, and John J. Brett.

An All-Out Effort

Incumbent Ald. Jack I. Sperling, one of the minority leaders in the city council, could be forced into a runoff by an all-out effort of the Democrats to get Richard J. Elrod, son of a former Cook county commissioner, elected alderman of the 50th ward.

Elrod, an assistant corporation counsel, could be helped by a third candidate, Jerome Feldman.

The four incumbents who have been given a free ride are Donald W. Parrillo [1st], Leon M. Despres [5th], George W. Collins [24th], and Robert J. Sulski [32d].

Expect 17 to Be Reelected

The 17 incumbents expected to be reelected in the 20 two candidate races are aldermen William H. Harvey [2d], Ralph H. Metcalfe [3d], Claude W. B. Holman [4th], Nicholas J. Bohling [7th], Dominic J. Lupo [9th], Matthew J. Danaher [11th], Vito Marzullo [25th], Stanley M. Zycho [26th], Edwin H. McMahon, [30th], Thomas E. Keane [31st], John F. Aiello [36th], William J. Cullerton [38th], Edward R. Scholl [41st],

Thomas Rosenberg [44th], Edwin P. Fifielski [45th], John J. Hoellen [47th], and Robert J. O'Rourke [48th].

The 28th ward seat left vacant by the withdrawal of Ald. Angelo C. Provenzano, appears likely to go to Joseph Jambrone, former aldermanic secretary, in a two-man fight with Curtis Foster.

Republicans are claiming they can elect Hilmar E. Sachse to take away the 33d ward council

seat from incumbent Ald. Robert Brandt.

The 40th ward seat, left vacant by the election of Nathan J. Kaplan as associate judge of the Circuit court, will allow Seymour Simon, purged County board president, to make a political comeback in his old council seat.

Another 10 incumbents who should survive a field of candidates are aldermen Joseph P. Burke [14th], Kenneth E. Campbell [20th], Otto F. Janousek [22d], Harry L. Sain [27th], Rex Sande [34th], Anthony C. Laurino [39th], Mayer Goldberg [42d], Joseph R. Kerwin [46th], and Paul T. Wigoda [49th].

Robert Eggs, the Negro candidate selected to succeed Ald. Thomas F. Burke, should give the 29th ward Negro leadership for the first time. Burke withdrew because of ill health.



Samuel Yaksic

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U.S. Intervention Asked On Aldermanic Rulings

By Robert S. Kleckner

Federal intervention was requested Sunday on behalf of two independent candidates for alderman who, with 49 others, were ruled off the Feb. 28 ballot by the Board of Election Commissioners.

The Committee for an Effective City Council sent identical telegrams to acting U.S. Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark and Justice Department civil rights specialist John Doar in Washington and to Edward V. Hanrahan, U.S. attorney here.

The committee took its action in behalf of Augustus A. Savage, a community newspaper publisher who filed in the 21st Ward, and Lamar L. Hoke who filed in the 4th Ward.

Arbitrary Ruling

The telegram said both men had enough valid signatures on their petitions and it asked federal officials to correct "an arbitrary and unjust ruling by the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners." It added:

"Their civil rights have been violated by this action and thousands of voters in the wards have been deprived of their rights to select their own candidates.

"This disenfranchisement is in violation of the 1965 voter rights law and requires federal

action similar to that taken in the Selma County (Alabama) sheriff's election last year."

In Selma, federal authorities impounded certain ballot boxes to assure a proper count.

The CECC organized last Thursday, said "unquestionably" there were injustices in the cases of others removed from the ballot here. The committee, made up of 40 civil and political leaders, has as co-chairman Warren H. Bacon, Chicago school board member, Timuel D. Black Jr., president of the Chicago chapter of the Negro American Labor Council, Abner J. Mikva, former state representative and an independent Democrat, and Dr. Marvin A. Rosner, prominent in community affairs in the Lincoln Park area.

Speaks At Rally

Savage was one of 10 persons knocked off the ballot who spoke at the Rally for Justice in Elections sponsored by an ad hoc committee of 43 clergymen Sunday afternoon in the Garfield Park Baptist Church, 4100 W. Jackson. About 350 persons, Negro and white, jammed the church to protest what they called "outrageous challenges" leveled at independent candidates for aldermen.

Savage told The Sun-Time after the meeting that he would file suit in Circuit Court



Augustus A. Savage, who was ruled off the 21st Ward ballot, speaks at rally at 4100 W. Jackson. (Sun-Time Photo)

early this week seeking restoration of his name to the ballot. He and Hoke also sent telegrams to the federal officials.

Most speakers at the church said there is no proper legal review for the election commission's rulings and urged reforms in laws. Measures meeting at least a part of the objections are now before the Illinois General Assembly.

The ad hoc committee

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backed a plea to Mayor Daley to meet with their representatives about election reforms. Spokesmen said two previous telegrams to him had gone unanswered.

About 150 persons, individuals and representatives of organizations, signed a letter to the mayor which was introduced from the floor at Sunday's meeting. It said in part:

"It is our sincere belief that the present laws and procedures under which the board operates can be used to thwart



Republican candidate for Chicago mayor, John Waner, speaks during question-and-answer period at protest rally.

the will of the people and prevent worthy candidates from being presented to the electorate."

A surprise speaker, who drew loud applause, was GOP mayoral candidate John Waner, who said:

"I come here not only as a candidate for mayor but as a private citizen to join in your cause. I pledge, when elected, to change the rules

(of the commission) and destroy the system of plantation politics.

"In Springfield, a main issue before the General Assembly is election reform — vetoed previously. I will do all I can to defeat Mayor Daley to bring about (this) change."

A statement of the ad hoc committee said it was the re-

ligious community that the mayor called upon in the time of (racial) crisis, not the political organization. Yet when this same religious community twice pleaded with the mayor for a conference, he did not see fit to reply.

"We will not keep silent in the face of this basic injustice to our community and will raise the issue until justice is done."

The statement observed that of 69 of 200 candidates challenged, only two were Democratic organization candidates.

It also asserted that the mayor, during the civil rights conferences, had promised to deal specifically with the political injustices of our community.

Many speakers blamed City Hall for the election commission situation.

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Holzman Charges 'Trap' In Aldermanic Race Protest

By Frank Sullivan

Sidney T. Holzman, chairman of the Board of Election Commissioners, charged Monday that a Negro aldermanic candidate intentionally filed an improper nominating petition as "a deliberate trap" for the board.

Holzman accused Augustus A. Savage, who filed for the 21st Ward aldermanic seat, of wanting to be kept off the Feb. 28 ballot so that he could stir up sympathy and then throw his support to another independent candidate, James D. Montgomery.

Savage was one of 51 persons whose aldermanic nominating petitions were declared by the board Saturday to be legally insufficient.

Rejects Montgomery

Savage said he would not under any circumstances support Montgomery, who is backed by State Sen. Charles Chew Jr. (D-Chicago). Savage and Chew parted political company after the latter joined the Cook County Regular Democratic Organization last year.

Still on the ballot in the predominantly Negro 21st Ward, in addition to Montgomery, are Ald. Samuel Yaksic, a Republican running for re-election, and Wilson Frost, who is endorsed by the ward's Democratic organization. Yaksic is white; Montgomery and Frost are Negroes.

The ward is estimated to be more than 75 per cent Negro.

Plans Suit

Savage said he plans to file a suit Tuesday in Circuit Court seeking judicial review of the election board's ruling.

Meanwhile, Holzman explained that Savage was excluded from the ballot because his nominating petition failed

to comply with the statutory requirement that a petition shall consist of sheets of uniform size.

Savage's petition had two sizes of sheets. Those numbered from one through 108 plus No. 135 bore 10 signatures each.

Sheets 109 through 134 had 25 signatures each.

Savage noted that either set of sheets had more than the 433 signatures required for a candidate in the 21st Ward.

He said he would seek a court ruling that even if one set was thrown away, he still had plenty of signatures.

Stanley T. Kusper Jr., attorney for the election board, said each petition has to be considered as an entity. If a component part—the uniform-size requirement, for example—is defective, then the whole petition is invalid, he said.

The Wrong Address

Kusper said Lamar L. Hoke, who had filed a nominating petition to run for alderman from the 4th Ward, was ruled off the ballot because he did not live at the address shown on his sworn statement of candidacy.

Savage and Hoke were among six antiadministration candidates who were endorsed last Thursday by the Committee for an Effective City Council.

Savage said neither he nor Hoke had received a reply from U.S. Justice Department officials to their telegrams asking for federal intervention in the election board controversy.

Records Nearly Burned

The petitions of Savage and Hoke were only an hour from being destroyed Monday.

When a reporter asked if the documents were available for inspection, Holzman said they had been burned Saturday

under orders from the board. It is the board's policy, Holzman said, not to retain such records.

At the reporter's request, Holzman telephoned Frank Bus, the supervisor of election records. Bus said that the Savage and Hoke petitions were intact but that in another hour they would have been destroyed along with those of all the other candidates ruled off the ballot.

Holzman then directed that the two petitions be retained pending any court proceedings.

There are still 169 candidates running for the 50 council seats.

Feb. 28 is the last date for a candidate to withdraw his name for consideration.

Mayor Daley, asked about the committee's complaints, replied:

"That's a matter for the election board to decide."

Asked whether he would accept an invitation to meet with representatives of the group on election reforms, the mayor stated:

"We are always studying the election laws and will recommend any changes that benefit the people."

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Election Board Feeling 'Heat' On 3 Fronts

By Susan K. Pollock

Critics Tuesday tried to jar the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners out of the frying pan and into the fire.

No matter where Chairman Sidney T. Holzman and his commissioners turned, tempers flared.

- The Citizens Honest Election Foundation fired off a report alleging more than 11,000 cases of irregularities in the Nov. 8 elections.

- Ousted aldermanic candidate Augustus A. Savage of the 21st Ward filed suit against the board, while 50 other candidates continued to sizzle over the board's action of casting them off the Feb. 8 ballot.

- In Springfield, an argument erupted in an Illinois Senate Election Committee meeting over a bill proposed to abolish the election board and replace it with a countywide commission.

MEANWHILE, Holzman fired off a few rounds of his own.

- He charged Savage with deliberately filing irregular aldermanic petitions "to create an issue."

- He lashed out at civil rights leaders for failing to produce the promised "busloads" of Negroes at City Hall voter registration booths.

In its report to Chicago voters, the honest elections group listed 1,042 alleged instances of irregularities at the polls in last November's election. It called for immediate reforms to help alleviate the "serious problem

of voting fraud in the Chicago area.

The foundation recommended that the Board of Election Commissioners appoint directors of training and recruitment to alleviate the judge shortage.

The report also called for elimination of all paper ballot precincts and for improved polling places.

FOUNDATION chairman Don R. Grimes said in the report that there were 725 cases of judges failing to compare the signatures of voter applicants with the signatures in the precinct binders, which he said could permit phony voters to cast ballots in the names of properly-registered voters.

Other frequent irregularities charged by the team of bipartisan poll watchers were:

- Improperly canvassed votes.
- Handling of ballots by unauthorized persons.
- Improper assistance to voters by judges.
- Failure to initial ballots according to law.
- Improper electioneering in polling places.

SAVAGE, a community newspaper publisher and a Negro, was dropped from the aldermanic race on grounds that his petitions lacked unity.

His petitions came in two sizes, one batch with more than 1,000 signatures on sheets bearing 10 names each and the other with well over the minimum 433 required on sheets of 25 names each.

He had enough names on either set to qualify him as a candidate.

BUT HOLZMAN countered: His petition was bound and had to be considered as a whole. We had no authority to amend his petition. There's nothing complicated about it. He could have filed sheets of uniform size.

This law was written to protect the taxpayers from irresponsible candidates. And we have many of them file in every election. If there were no restrictions, you'd have candidates by the hundreds running in each ward, cluttering up the ballot for publicity. Holzman said.

"I think he (Savage) did it deliberately to create an issue," he said.

Savage in his suit contended that the election board's complaint against his petition was filed under the wrong code of law. A spokesman said Savage felt the board had deprived him of his civil rights.

TURNING TO voter registration, which started Jan. 23 and ended at City Hall Mon-

day, Holzman said. These civil rights leaders said they would besiege the place with people and they never came down.

Holzman has denied the request of the Chicago Freedom Movement that six special voter registration centers be opened in each of the 50 wards.

Civil rights leaders had said the refusal hampered the Negro voter registration drive.

To make it easier for day time employees to register, the board opened its booths from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. on weekdays and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays. Registration booths in previous years had closed at 5 p.m. on weekdays and noon on Saturdays.

Chicagoans still may register Jan. 31 at their neighborhood polling places.

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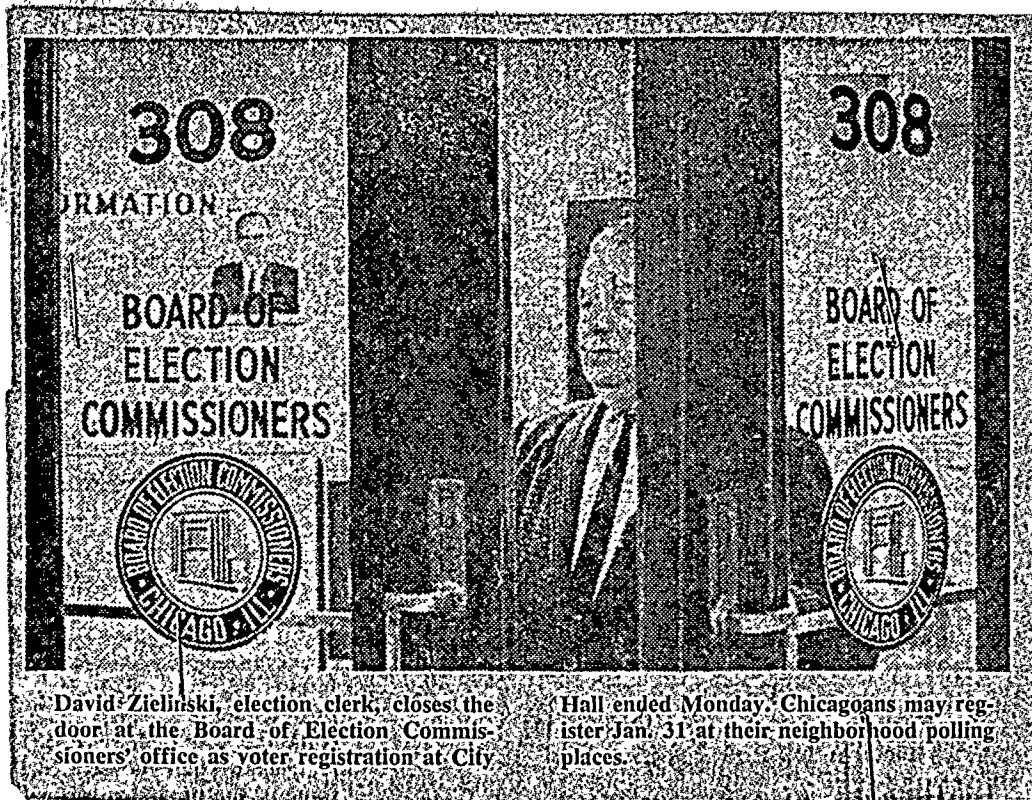
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Dear Mr. Hanrahan:

This will acknowledge receipt of your
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This matter is receiving appropriate
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Your cooperation in matters of this type
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Very truly yours,

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ALLEGED UNFAIR REMOVAL OF TWO INDEPENDENT ALDERMANIC
CANDIDATES FROM FEBRUARY TWENTY-EIGHT, SIXTY SEVEN MUNICIPAL
ELECTION BALLOT BY BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS, CHICAGO,
ILLINOIS, [REDACTED] AUGUSTUS A. SAVAGE - VICTIM;
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CONDUCT INTERVIEWS OF [REDACTED] AND SAVAGE WITHOUT FURTHER
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A CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO BE HEARD AND DENIAL THEREOF IS A
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IF THE COMPLAINANT HAD DIRECTLY CONTACTED THE FIELD OFFICE
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Board Sued in Ballot Ruling

Augustus A. Savage, editor of three south side community newspapers, filed suit in Circuit court yesterday asking that the board of election commissioners be ordered to restore his name as a candidate for 21st ward alderman in the Feb. 28 election.

It was the first of several such suits expected in the wake of the board's decision to throw out nominating petitions of 45 city council candidates.

Savage, 41, of 9907 Morgan st., contended in the suit that the board acted in violation of its own rules by not voiding an objection to his petitions when the objector, James H. Farrell, failed to appear at a Jan. 17 hearing. Savage, an independent, is seeking to unseat incumbent Ald. Samuel Yaksic, a Republican.

Other Cases Noted

The suit charged that in other instances where objectors failed to appear in person at hearings, the board dismissed the objection.

Sidney T. Holzman, board chairman, previously has charged that Savage's petitions, filed on mismatched paper, deliberately were illegal and designed to cause problems for the commissioners. The law provides nominating petitions must be filed on paper of matching size.

Two other candidates, David S. Logan, 8551 Indiana av., and James D. Montgomery, 9717 Union av., remained on the

ballot when their petitions were unsuccessfully challenged. Wilson Frost, 8458 Michigan av., is the Democratic-backed candidate in the predominantly Negro ward. All candidates except the incumbent Yaksic are Negroes.

Plan Write-In Campaign

Casimir R. Bied, 5860 N. Odell av., a 41st ward candidate whose name was also removed by the board, announced his group would conduct a write-in campaign.

Bied was secretary of the ward's Democratic organization until earlier this month. He said he was fired by Rep. Roman C. Pucinski [D., Ill.] after he announced his intention to oppose the organization candidate, Francis B. Fitzsimmons, a police department radio maintenance man on leave of absence. The incumbent is first-term Ald. Edward T. Scholl, a Republican.

A group of 28 vest side clergymen called on Mayor Daley late yesterday to protest the way in which the board of election commissioners handled

challenges against independent candidates for alderman.

Spokesmen for the group were the Rev. Robert O'Dean, pastor of the Garfield Lutheran church, and the Rev. Ulysses S. Doss, pastor of the Olivet Methodist church. They asked the mayor to:

1. Postpone the Feb. 28 voting until he could subpoena records of the commissioners' hearings and review all decisions.

New Laws Proposed

2. Ask the corporation counsel to draft new election laws to reform the board of election commissioners and to "thoroly cooperate" with their Ad Hoc Committee of Clergymen for Justice in Elections.

Daley told the committee he had no power to take action against the commissioners because the General Assembly makes the laws applying to the board.

The clergymen said they were protesting particularly the election commissioners' action in not requiring objectors to appear in person in some cases and requiring them to appear in others.

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Chicago, Illinois
January 24, 1967

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POSSIBLE PROTESTS REGARDING
REMOVAL OF INDEPENDENT ALDERMANIC
CANDIDATES FROM FEBRUARY, 1967
PRIMARY BALLOT
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
RACIAL MATTER

The January 21, 1967 issue of the "Chicago Daily News", Red Streak Edition, contained an article titled, "51 Council Hopefuls Barred." This article states in part that the Board of Election Commissioners, Saturday, ruled off the February 28 aldermanic ballot one fourth of the candidates who filed, among whom were Augustus A. Savage, 21st Ward; Edward L. Crawford, 28th Ward; and Frederick D. Andrews, 29th Ward. The above named individuals as well as forty-eight others were dropped from the ballot by the commissioners on objections ranging from forged signatures to wrong addresses and illegal size nominating sheets.

The article further states that a spokesman for Savage said the candidate would confer with his attorneys Saturday about possible court action against the Board.

The spokesman said the objections filed against Savage were filed under the wrong code of law and the candidates remaining on the ballot had more serious charges filed against them.

Savage is the publisher of three community newspapers.

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The article goes on to state that in the 28th Ward Edward L. Crawford was dropped from the ballot on objections which charged his petition bore forged signatures.

A protest rally on behalf of Crawford and another candidate who was dropped in the 28th Ward is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on Sunday in the Garfield Park Baptist Church, 4100 West Jackson, Chicago, Illinois.

A spokesman said a course of action will be decided "by the people of the community." at that time.

The January 22, 1967 issue of the "Chicago Sunday Sun Times", Four Star Final Edition, contained an article titled, "51 Are Ruled Off Aldermanic Ballot." This article states in part that Augustus A. Savage was one of those candidates who had been ruled off the aldermanic ballot for the February 28 election.

A spokesman for Savage accused the Election Board of "serving a partisan purpose by eliminating independent candidates and protecting organization candidates."

He said a group action by a number of the candidates ordered off the ballot was "quite probable." He said the Committee for an Effective City Council would strongly back a suit by Savage.

The January 22, 1967 issue of the "Chicago Sunday American", Five Star Final Edition, contained an article titled, "Candidate Ouster Hit by Cleric." This article states in part Edward L. Crawford of 3824 West Adams Street, Chicago, Illinois had been ruled off the ballot for the upcoming aldermanic elections on February 28, 1967. The article further states that Crawford was running as an independent from the 28th Ward.

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A spokesman for the dropped candidate stated that the Board's action "was rigged so to take the independent candidates off the ballot." He continued "the procedures of the Board are in violation of the constitutional due process beliefs inasmuch as they assume the validity of an objection to a candidacy until a candidate proves otherwise."

The January 23, 1967 issue of the "Chicago Sun Times", Four Star Final Edition, contained an article titled, "US. Intervention Asked on Aldermanic Rulings." This article states in part that Federal intervention was requested Sunday on behalf of two independent candidates for aldermen who with forty-nine others were ruled off the February 28 ballot by the Board of Election Commissioners.

The Committee for an Effective City Council sent identical telegrams to Acting U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark and Justice Department Civil Rights Specialist John Doar and to Edward V. Hanrahan, U.S. Attorney here.

The committee took its action on behalf of Augustus A. Savage, a community newspaper publisher, who filed in the 21st Ward and another independent candidate.

The article goes on to state that Savage was one of ten persons knocked off the ballot who spoke at the Rally for Justice in Elections sponsored by an Ad Hoc committee of forty-three clergymen Sunday afternoon in the Garfield Park Baptist Church, 4100 West Jackson, Chicago, Illinois. About three hundred fifty persons, Negro and white, jammed the church to protest what they called "outrageous challenges leveled at independent candidates for aldermen."

Savage told the "Sun Times" after the meeting that he would file suit in Circuit Court early this week seeking restoration of his name to the ballot.

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Concerning Savage, a Chicago source who has furnished reliable information in the past on May 17, 1966 advised Savage formerly Communist Party (CP) member, is no longer considered to be a CP member at this time. He is still considered to be friendly toward the CP; however, the CP does not trust him since he is attempting to become aligned with a major political party.

SAVAGE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS SINCE IN MARCH, 1957, HE REPORTEDLY STATED THAT HE WENT ARMED WHEN IN WHITE NEIGHBORHOODS TO PROTECT HIMSELF AGAINST WHITE SAVAGES.

Concerning [] a second source, who has furnished reliable information in the past has advised that [] Deacons of Defense and Justice, Inc. (DDJ) in Chicago, Illinois.

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The characterization for the DDJ is attached.

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Concerning [] the second Chicago source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised during January, 1967 []

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On January 24, 1967, the second Chicago source, advised that at a meeting on January 22, 1967, held at the Garfield Park Baptist Church, 4100 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, it was decided that if court action and requested action by the Justice Department failed to reinstate aldermanic candidates to the ballot that a boycott of the February 28, 1967 aldermanic election and the upcoming mayoral election might be possibly organized.

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On January 24, 1967, [redacted] Chicago Commission on Human Relations, advised the course of action to be taken regarding the elimination of certain candidates from the aldermanic ballot has not definitely been decided, however, he states should these people lose their court fight and should there be no action taken by the Justice Department, there is a definite possibility that civil rights groups in the area might well attempt to organize a boycott of the February 28, 1967 aldermanic elections as well as the upcoming election for mayor.

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APPENDIX

DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.,
aka Deacons for Defense and Justice,
Inc.

The Articles of Incorporation of the Deacons of Defense and Justice (DDJ) as on file with the Secretary of State, for the State of Louisiana, reflects that the Deacons of Defense and Justice, Inc., is a Louisiana corporation domiciled at Jonesboro, Louisiana. The location and business office address of its registered office shall be Amos Service Station (rear), Beach Spring Road, Drawer B., Jonesboro, Louisiana.

"This corporation is organized for the following purposes and to carry on the following purposes:

"To instruct, train, teach and educate Citizens of the United States and especially minority groups in the fundamental principles of the republican form of government and our democratic way of life; to instruct, teach, train and educate said persons in the provisions of the constitution and laws of the United States and the State of Louisiana, as well as the constitution and laws of any other state wherein this corporation may operate; to instruct, teach train and educate said persons in the use, value, and purpose of the ballot and the right to vote; to instruct, teach, train and educate said persons as to the duties and responsibilities of good citizenship relative to the obligation and duties of the community to the citizen: to further instruct, teach, train and educate said persons in the value of economic security and in the effective use of their spending power; to inspire in said persons a sense of responsibility and to develop leadership. This corporation has for its further purpose, and is dedicated to, the defense of the civil rights, property rights and personal rights of said people and will defend said rights by any and all honorable and legal means to the end that justice may be obtained. This corporation may establish chapters and conduct its business at any place in this State and elsewhere as permitted by law."

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Re Chicago teletype dated 1/23/67 captioned,
"REQUEST FOR FEDERAL INTERVENTION IN BEHALF OF TWO INDEPENDENT
ALDERMANIC CANDIDATES PULLED OFF THE FEBRUARY 28, 1967,
MUNICIPAL ELECTION BALLOT BY BOARD OF ELECTIONS COMMISSIONERS,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS; CR - EL."

Enclosed for the Bureau are seventeen (17) copies
of a LHM concerning captioned matter. One copy each also being
designated to Region 1, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois; U.S.
Secret Service, Chicago, Illinois. No copy to USA's Office since
no information at this point as to possible demonstrations
resulting from removal of candidates and necessity of classifying
LHM in view of information from [redacted]

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Date 1/27/67

[redacted] telephone
[redacted] furnished the following information:

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[redacted] AUGUSTUS A. SAVAGE, an independent aldermanic candidate from the 21st Ward, who together with others was also removed from the aldermanic ballot [redacted]

[redacted] sent a telegram to Acting Attorney General RAMSEY CLARK, Assistant Attorney JOHN DOAR, both of Washington, D.C., and United States Attorney EDWARD HANRAHAN, Chicago, Illinois, which telegram read as follows:

"We have been removed from the aldermanic ballot for the February 28, Aldermanic Election in an unfair ruling by the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners. We believe our civil rights have been violated in this action and the voters in the 4th and 21st Wards have been deprived of the right to choose their own candidates. This violates our rights under the 1965 Voting Rights Law and demands immediate federal action to place us back on the ballot. We urge your immediate action."

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219 South Dearborn
Chicago, Illinois
January 27, 1967

**ALLEGED UNFAIR REMOVAL OF TWO
INDEPENDENT ALDERMANIC CANDIDATES
FROM FEBRUARY 28, 1967, MUNICIPAL
ELECTION BALLOT BY BOARD OF
ELECTION COMMISSIONERS, CHICAGO,
ILLINOIS, [REDACTED]
AUGUSTUS A. SAVAGE - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS**

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By letter dated January 24, 1967, Edward V. Hanrahan, United States Attorney, Chicago, Illinois, enclosed two telegrams he had received, both dated January 23, 1967; one from [REDACTED] Augustus A. Savage, and the other from [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] the Committee for an Effective City Council. These telegrams substantially urged federal intervention by the Justice Department to correct an arbitrary ruling by the Board of Election Commissioners in removing the names of Augustus A. Savage of the 21st Ward and [REDACTED] from the February, 1967, Chicago Aldermanic Ballot. The telegrams said the civil rights of these individuals have been violated by this action and thousands of voters in the wards have been deprived of their right to select their own candidates. Mr. Hanrahan requested the interview of [REDACTED] and Mr. Savage as to the nature of their complaints and the forwarding of such interviews to the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice as soon as possible.

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ILLINOIS,
AUGUSTUS A. SAVAGE - VICTIM
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ELECTION BALLOT BY BOARD OF
ELECTION COMMISSIONERS. CHICAGO.
ILLINOIS, [REDACTED]
AUGUSTUS A. SAVAGE - VICTIM

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On January 25, 1967, Augustus A. Savage was
interviewed in this matter and on January 27, 1967, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] was interviewed in this matter, both of which
interviews are set forth as follows:

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Date January 26, 1967

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AUGUSTUS A. SAVAGE, 9907 South Morgan, Chicago, Illinois, telephone 238-0373, furnished the following information:

He advised that he is the same AUGUSTUS A. SAVAGE who filed a nominating petition on January 9, 1967 as an independent candidate for alderman of the 21st Ward in the Municipal Election of February 28, 1967 and who, after a hearing on January 17, 1967, was removed from the aldermanic ballot on January 21, 1967 by action of the Board of Election Commissioners of the City of Chicago. SAVAGE advised that he

[redacted] together with others, was also removed from the aldermanic ballot at the same time, jointly sent a telegram to Acting Attorney General RAMSEY CLARK, Assistant Attorney General JOHN DOAR, both of Washington, D.C. and United States Attorney EDWARD HANRAHAN, Chicago, Illinois, which read as follows:

"We have been removed from the aldermanic ballot for the February 28, Aldermanic Election in an unfair ruling by the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners. We believe our civil rights have been violated in this action and the voters in the 4th and 21st Wards have been deprived of the right to choose their own candidates. This violates our rights under the 1965 Voting Rights Law and demands immediate federal action to place us back on the ballot. We urge your immediate action".

SAVAGE said he filed the necessary nominating petitions in connection with the aldermanic ballot on January 9, 1967. A total of at least 433 signatures are required on the nominating petitions. He said he filed 135 nominating petition sheets on the prescribed form. Pages 1 through 108 were on the letter size form and contained room for ten signatures to a page. Pages 109 through 135 were on a larger size form and contained room for twenty-five signatures to a page. He pointed out that on either size set there were more than enough of the required signatures. He said that the law governing submission of nominating petitions states that the petitions should be of uniform size but not of identical size. He again said that

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either size set could have been thrown away and there would have been enough signatures on the one that was left to satisfy the nominating petition requirements.

SAVAGE advised that the first he knew that anything was wrong was when he received a notice dated January 14, 1967 signed by [redacted] the Board of Election Commissioners advising that the Board of Election Commissioners were to hold a hearing on January 17, 1967 relative to hearing and passing on the objections of a [redacted] to SAVAGE's nominating petitions.

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At the hearing held on January 17, 1967, the lack of uniform size of his nominating petitions was pointed out and when he objected that there were sufficient signatures on enough of the same size sheets the comment of the members of the Board of Election Commissioners was "we will take it under advisement." He said he asked why [redacted] who had objected to his nominating petitions, was not present to be cross-examined as to his objections but could get no satisfaction in this regard; the members of the Board of Election Commissioners again stating "we will take it under advisement." SAVAGE believes that [redacted] will be found to be a Democratic patronage job holder.

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On January 21, 1967, the Board of Election Commissioners ruled him off the aldermanic ballot because his nominating petitions were "insufficient in law". SAVAGE stated he filed a suit in the Circuit Court of Cook County on January 24, 1967 to force his reinstatement to the aldermanic ballot on the grounds that his removal was unfair.

SAVAGE declared that the real problem is that the heart of the Democratic political machine in Chicago is the Negro vote and the 21st Ward with its 50,000 voters is a very important factor in the Democratic political machine picture. He said the present alderman in the 21st Ward is Alderman SAM YAKSIC, a white man who was elected on the Republican ticket four years ago when the Negro population was 40% of the total population of the 21st Ward. Today the Negro population in the 21st Ward is 78% and YAKSIC cannot hope for re-election. He said the Democratic organization in Chicago knew because of his stature and reputation that he could beat the organization candidate in the 21st Ward and therefore had to get him off the ticket any way they could.

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He said he heard from a source that he would not identify that he was on the ballot up to 1:10 AM on January 21, 1967 when a telephone call was received by one of the deliberating Board of Election Commissioners. At 4:00 AM on January 21, 1967 when the Board of Election Commissioners finished their deliberations he, together with 50 other aldermanic candidates, had been ruled off the ballot.

SAVAGE said the action of the Board of Election Commissioners in ruling him off the aldermanic ballot violated the civil rights of the approximately 2,000 persons who signed his nominating petitions and feels that federal intervention is necessary to reinstate him on the aldermanic ballot.

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Chicago, Illinois
February 6, 1967

ALLEGED UNFAIR REMOVAL OF TWO
INDEPENDENT ALDERMANIC CANDIDATES
FROM FEBRUARY 28, 1967, MUNICIPAL
ELECTION BALLOT BY BOARD OF ELECTION
COMMISSIONERS, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,
[REDACTED] AUGUSTUS A.
SAVAGE - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS

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Further article in Chicago Tribune of February 4, 1967, related that after Circuit Court Judge, Charles S. Dougherty ordered the Board of Election Commissioners, Chicago, Illinois, to restore the name of Augustus A. Savage to the Municipal Election Ballot of February 28, 1967, he then upheld the decision of the Board of Election Commissioners to disqualify three other aldermanic candidates including Lamar L. Hoke of the 4th Ward, whose residence was not established.

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FROM FEBRUARY 28, 1967,
MUNICIPAL ELECTION BALLOT
BY BOARD OF ELECTION
COMMISSIONERS, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,
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The Aldermanic Races: GOP Looking For Council Gains

By Frank Sullivan

Local Republicans hope to parlay newly obtained political patronage and resentment against Mayor Daley's administration into aldermanic victories next month.

GOP Cook County Chairman Timothy P. Sheehan said Wednesday that if 15 members of his party are elected to the 50-man City Council, "It will be a real victory."

At present there are six Republicans in the Council.

A Major Problem

A major GOP problem is, however, that in addition to the small number of wards where Republicans are given a chance to win new seats, four of the party's incumbents are going to have a hard fight for re-election. They are Ald. Jack I. Sperling (30th), Robert J. O'Rourke (48th), John J. Hoellen (47th) and Samuel Yaksic (21st).

Only Ald. Edward T. Scholl (41st) and Nicholas J. Bohling (7th) are expected to gain new, four-year terms easily.

The wards that GOP leaders consider to be most promising are the 13th, 18th and 23d on the Southwest Side, the 33d, 35th and 45th on the Northwest Side, the 19th on the far South Side and the 39th and 43d on the North Side.

In most of these areas Republicans will try in the Feb. 28 voting to bring about run-off elections. A run-off will be held on Apr. 4 between the two top candidates in each ward where no one receives a majority of the votes in February.

A key Republican target in the aldermanic battles is the 13th Ward.

11 Candidates

Eleven candidates have filed to run for the post being vacated by Ald. David W. Healy.

The GOP's 13th Ward committeeman, County Treasurer Edmund J. Kucharski, has a good organization with more than 70 jobs for precinct captains as a result of Republican wins in the Nov. 8 election.

And there are issues.

The 13th Ward, which includes Marquette Park, was one of the areas where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. led open-occupancy marches last August...

Casimir J. Staszczuk, the ward's Republican-endorsed aldermanic candidate, has said that he believes "laws must be enforced" so that such marches can never be staged again.

3 Battle Stars

Staszczuk is a 43-year-old building contractor who lives at 3740 W. 70th St. He was a staff sergeant in the Army during World War II and received three battle stars for combat in the European theater.

A 13th Ward precinct captain for more than six years, Staszczuk maintains that the residents of the area are "completely fed up with Daley." Staszczuk said real estate taxes have gone up steadily without corresponding

improvements in city services.

His Democratic-endorsed opponent is Alexander G. Kumskis, 56, of 2324 W. 71st St. Kumskis is a Chicago Park District employee supervising recreation in 25 Southwest Side parks.

Moved 24 Days Ago

He was a precinct captain and resident of the 9th Ward until 24 days ago when he moved to his present address to run for alderman.

Before moving to the 9th Ward almost ten years ago, Kumskis lived in the 13th Ward for 20 years and made an unsuccessful race for alderman there in 1947. In 1956 he ran as a Democratic candidate for trustee of the Sanitary District and lost.

Kumskis said that, if elected, he plans to appoint a citizens' committee to survey voter sentiment on the issue of open occupancy and will be guided by the results.

Harhen Eyes Post

In the 18th Ward to the South, John J. Harhen, a 26-year-old attorney is the Republican-endorsed candidate. Harhen seeks to succeed Ald. James C. Murray.

Last month Murray, a Democrat, announced he would not seek re-election. He blamed his defeat in the ward in his Nov. 8 race for a Circuit Court judgeship on bigotry resulting from his role in drafting the city's Fair Housing Ordinance.

Edward J. Hines of 8149 S. Paulina, a sanitation department yard superintendent, has the Democratic organization's support for Murray's seat.

Republican Harhen said most ward residents objected to Murray's role in putting through the fair housing law, but that the principal issue in the campaign is representation at City Hall. Murray, Harhen contended, "lost touch with the people and became an

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apologist for everything the city tried to push over on us."

In the 23d Ward, which includes Midway-Airport, six candidates, including Goerge Wallace, are running to succeed Ald. George J. Tourek.

20-Year Veteran

Tourek, a veteran of 20 years in the Council said he is not seeking re-election because of illness in his family.

Raymond R. Piwnicki, 56, 4953 S. Lamon, is the GOP-backed candidate. He is custodian of the Criminal Courts Building at 26th St. and California.

John L. Waner, the Republican mayoral candidate, is the ward's committeeman and his name on the ballot is expected to help Piwnicki's chances of winning.

The Democratic contender is Frank Kuta, 33, of 4824 S. Karlov, a lawyer. He was an administrative aide to 22d Ward Ald. Otto F. Janousek before joining 23d Ward committeeman William Milota's organization last year.

In the 45th Ward on the far Northwest Side, Mitchel G. Zadrozny, 40, is the Republican challenging Ald. Edwin P. Fifielski, 50, a Democrat.

Won Run-Off Election

Fifielski ran without party backing four years ago and defeated John F. Heckinger, the Democratic organization's candidate, in a run-off elec-

tion, 16,154 to 13,592.

Last November, County Assessor P. J. Cullerton, the Democrats' top vote getter, lost the ward, 17,258 to 14,956. Republicans cite this to support their argument that a Republican could be elected alderman.

Zadrozny is a Chicago City College teacher who was defeated for county commissioner last fall.

Fifielski, one of the Council's more vocal members, serves on the committees on traffic, judiciary, forestry and recreation, and

buildings and zoning. He has the backing of Democratic committeeman William Cowhey's organization.

In the 33d Ward, Hilmar E. Sachse, 49, a real estate broker and builder, has the support of Republican committeeman Charles J. Fleck.

Near-Perfect Silence

Sachse's opponent, Ald. Robert Brandt, has maintained a near-perfect silence during his four years in the Council.

Brandt, 45, of 2524 N. Mozart, is an undertaker and a nephew of the ward's Democratic committeeman, John B. Brandt. The elder Brandt is a former Sanitary District trustee.

The adjoining 35th Ward was the scene of open-occupancy marches.

At the time of the marches, the 35th Ward alderman asked that his name appear in newspapers as Casimir "I Voted Against The Fair Housing Ordinance" Laskowski. He is a Democrat.

No Republican has been endorsed to run against him.

Two Have Filed

GOP ward committeeman, Matthew W. Slowik said two of his precinct captains have filed nominating petitions.

One is Steve Telow, 44, who describes himself as the "lily white aldermanic candidate."

In the 19th Ward Republican Earnest E. Michaels, 69, is trying to unseat Ald. Thomas F. Fitzpatrick, 54, a Democrat. A third candidate is Frank T. Carey, the vociferous president of the Chicago Patrolmen's Assn.

Fitzpatrick won easily in the 1963 election. But Republican ward committeeman James Peterson is confident that, if Michaels can force a run-off, he will win.

The ward carried for all Republican candidates in the November election.

According to Peterson, the greatest obstacle to a Republican aldermanic candidate in

the 19th Ward is the legacy of the late alderman and Democratic president of the Cook County board, John J. Duffy.

As a result of Duffy, Peter-

son said, the 19th Ward "probably has more public job holders than any other ward in the city."

Michaels lives at 10405 S. Claremont and is a retired president of the Chicago Bridge & Iron Co. In 1962 he was defeated in the 3d District's congressional election, and in 1964, was a delegate to the Republican National Convention.

Fitzpatrick, an attorney, has served almost ten years in the Council. He lives at 10056 S. Winchester.

In the 39th Ward on the North Side, another defeated GOP congressional candidate is trying to oust an incumbent alderman.

Vows Drug Battle

Dr. Chester T. Podgorski is slated against Ald. Anthony C. Laurino. Dr. Podgorski lost to Rep. Roman C. Pucinski (D-Ill.) in the 11th District race in 1964.

A physician and surgeon and father of nine children, Dr. Podgorski promises, if elected, to work for the "restoration of law and order" and to wage an "all out fight against drug addiction and air pollution."

He lives at 3926 N. Keeler.

Laurino, 56, of 4938 N. Kenneth, is the Democratic ward committeeman. He has been alderman since May 1965.

In the 43d Ward, GOP county chairman Sheehan predicts "anything can happen."

G. Barr McCutcheon, 39, a teacher at the Francis Parker School, has the Republican endorsement. He is one of seven candidates running to take the seat that has been occupied by Ald. Mathias (Paddy) Bauler.

Bauler Backs Cale

Bauler, who is not seeking re-election, is backing Frank Cale, 38, an Old Town restaurateur.

In the 50th Ward, Republican Sperling is campaigning for a fourth term as alderman. He faces a strong challenge from his Democratic opponent, Richard J. Elrod.

Elrod, 32, of 6066 N. Whipple, has been an assistant corporation counsel since 1958. He now heads that office's ordinance enforcement division.

His campaign literature notes that he has successfully prosecuted American Nazi leader George Lincoln Rock-

well, and civil rights workers Albert Raby, Dick Gregory and Robert Lucas, the local chairman of CORE.

Elrod's father, the late county commissioner Arthur X. Elrod, was a longtime political power in the 24th Ward.

Sperling is 55 years old and lives at 2616 W. Jarvis. He is an attorney and was the leading contender for the Republican mayoralty nomination until last month when he withdrew his name from consideration at his wife's request.

Sperling defeated his opponent in the 1963 aldermanic election, Herman Knell, by a vote of 15,781 to 10,679. The ward, however, is heavily Democratic. In the election last November, for example, it backed Assessor Cullerton, 25,732 to 13,445.

In previous years Sperling has gained Democratic votes by contending that the ward needs a spokesman in City Hall not obligated to the Democratic organization.

A third candidate in the 50th Ward is Jerome Feldman, an attorney who lives at 3025 W. North Shore.

In the 48th Ward Ald.

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Robert J. O'Rourke, 44, is being challenged by Martin Tuchow, 42, an assistant attorney general.

O'Rourke, an attorney who lives at 1306 W. Carmen, was elected in a runoff contest four years ago. He defeated the incumbent Democrat, Morris H. Hirsch, 9,841 to 7,184.

Tuchow has been the attorney for Illinois Labor Department Director John E. Cullerton for the last two years. Before that he worked with the attorney general's bureau of consumer fraud. He lives at 4250 N. Marine Drive.

In the 47th Ward Ald. John J. Hoellen is trying for a sixth term. The 52-year-old alderman has been in the Council since 1947. During this time he has been a persistent critic of the Democratic organization, and, since 1955, of Mayor Daley.

In November, Hoellen narrowly lost a hard-fought race for Congress against Pucinski.

The 47th Ward Democratic organization is backing Dr. Gerald E. McCabe for alderman.

Dr. McCabe, 36, of 4301 N. Ashland, is a physician and surgeon. He is confined to a wheel chair as the result of spinal tumor seven years ago.

He has criticized Hoellen for setting "himself up as the professional underdog."

Hoellen, according to Dr. McCabe, has in the past attracted "the sympathy vote. Many people feel sorry for him. Tiny John against the big bad machine."

'A Watchdog'

Hoellen has stated he is running on his record of being "a watchdog for the city's taxpayers."

As a veteran of two decades in the Council, he said he "knows all the tricks of the machine politicians and can and has exposed their chicanery."

Hoellen was re-elected four years ago by a vote of 15,768 to 7,083 over Rolf H. Grondahl.

In the 21st Ward on the far South Side, Ald. Samuel Yaksic, 58, a Republican, is waging an up-hill fight for re-election against two major Negro candidates in a ward with a Negro majority.

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Hoke Sues For Ballot Spot

Lamar L. Hoke, 24, of 5033 S. St. Lawrence, filed suit in Circuit Court Wednesday to restore his name to the ballot as an independent candidate for alderman of the Fourth Ward.

The suit was filed against the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners, which last Friday sustained objections to Hoke's candidacy on the ground, among others, that he did not live at the St. Lawrence address.

Meanwhile, a "Save Gus Savage" rally was scheduled for Sunday to urge that his name be placed back on the

ballot as a 21st Ward aldermanic candidate. Savage supporters announced Wednesday the rally is planned for 3 p.m. in St. Mark Methodist Church, 8441 S. St. Lawrence. Savage also has filed suit against the Board of Election Commissioners for ruling him off the ballot.

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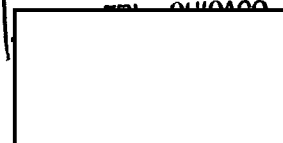
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South Side Rally to Demand Pair Be Put on Ballot

A political rally will be held Sunday aimed at restoring south side aldermanic candidates Augustus A. Savage and Lamar L. Hoke to the Feb. 28 primary ballot.

Hoke, of the 4th ward, filed suit against the Chicago board of election commissioners in Circuit court yesterday, alleging the board acted with bias and prejudice in removing his name from the ballot.

Savage, of the 21st ward, filed a similar suit against the commissioners Tuesday. His suit is scheduled for hearing in Circuit court.

Both were among 51 candidates ordered off the ballot after a marathon objection hearing before the election board. The hearing lasted until 4 a.m. Saturday.

Confrontation on TV

Savage, publisher of the Citizen community newspaper group, was scheduled to appear opposite Sidney T. Holzman, chairman of the election board, on a television discussion program today.

Civil rights and independent political leaders are expected to lead the rally for the two candidates, who were among a select group of six candidates endorsed by the county-wide Committee for an Effective City Council.

The four slated candidates endorsed by the committee are also expected to attend the rally. They are Fred D. Hubbard [2d], A. A. [Sammy] Rayner, Jr. [6th], William Cousins, Jr. [8th], and incumbent Ald. Leon M. Despres [5th].

Pledged to Program

All six candidates pledged to follow a 10-point committee program that includes support of open occupancy, effective city planning, protection of the lake front, and improved local education.

Warren H. Bacon, co-chairman of the bipartisan committee and a member of the school board, will be the main speaker at the rally at 3 p.m. Sunday in St. Mark Methodist church, 8441 S. St. Lawrence av.

Also scheduled to speak are Al Raby, head of the Coordinating Council of Community Organizations; Hosea Williams, director of the Chicago Freedom movement's voter registration drive, and former state Rep. Abner J. Mikva.

Helps Hoke File

Mikva was one of the attorneys filing Hoke's suit against the election board. Hoke contends, among other things, that he was a resident of the 4th ward for the required 30 days before filing as a candidate and had the required 272 signatures on his nominating petition.

The suit notes that although the election board threw out 105 of Hoke's 1,135 nominating signatures, the remaining accepted 1,030 names were well above the minimum.

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Articles in Chicago newspapers of February 4, 1967, related that Circuit Court Judge Charles S. Dougherty ordered the name of Augustus A. Savage replaced on the February 28, 1967, Municipal Election Ballot. The article stated that Dougherty's order came at the end of a hearing in which attorneys representing Savage argued that the Board acted arbitrarily and capriciously on January 21, 1967, in declaring Savage's Aldermanic Nominating Petition to be legally invalid. Judge Dougherty heard that there was sufficient valid signatures on one set of sheets and that the other size should have been considered supflusege. The article stated further that Sidney T. Holzman, Chairman of the Board of Election Commissioners, Chicago, Illinois, said that the board would abide by the ruling of the court.

A copy of this memorandum has been furnished to the United States Attorney at Chicago, Illinois.

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Daley Critic Savage Wins Place on Ballot

Circuit Court Judge Charles S. Dougherty ordered the board of election commissioners yesterday to place the name of Augustus A. [Gus] Savage on the ballot as candidate for 21st ward alderman in the Feb. 28 election.

In his ruling, which reversed the board's Jan. 21 decision to deny Savage a place on the ballot because he filed technically improper nominating petitions, the judge said:

"I don't think that the law intended a ridiculous situation such as this to keep a candidate off the ballot."

Holzman Will Abide

Sidney T. Holzman, board chairman, said he would "abide by the court's decision" and place Savage's name on the ballot.

"I think this is the beginning of the end of machine politics in Negro wards," Savage said outside the courtroom. "I think this means the defeat of the Daley-Dawson machine."

Abner Mikva, Savage's attorney, told the judge the board had acted arbitrarily in removing his client's name from the ballot because his nominating petitions were filed on unequal sized paper. He said the board, however, ignored a similar technical flaw in the objector's petition, which cited the wrong statute as a basis for the objection.

Mikva pointed out that if petition pages of either of two sizes were thrown out, the other size pages would still contain enough signatures for legal nomination.

Stanley T. Kusper Jr., the

board's attorney, said he did not believe the decision would cause any of the 44 other rejected candidates to be restored because the Savage case was "a unique one, revolving around a single point of law."

Later, Judge Dougherty upheld the board's decision to disqualify aldermanic candidates Sidney Altman, 7th ward, and Leonard N. Foster, 28th ward, because of improper nominating petitions, and Lamar L. Hoker, 4th ward, whose residence was not established.

Ballot Decision Due

Chairman Sidney T. Holzman of the Chicago election board told THE TRIBUNE that the board will decide Tuesday whether to use paper ballots or machines in the Feb. 28 city primary and aldermanic elections.

Holzman said a 1964 court ruling that judges seeking retention under the courts reorganization must be on a separate ballot, not on the machines, is construed by the board attorney, Stanley Kusper Jr., to mean aldermanic candidates shall not be on the machines. Chicago aldermen are nonpartisan, according to the law. And the law requires that aldermanic rivals rotate on the ballot, which is practically impossible to set up on the Chicago machines, he said.

Holzman added that using paper ballots would cost only \$196,780 compared with \$409,433 for the "mechanical monsters." He said this would be "a nice help for local government considering the unprecedented high cost of snow removal."

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Court Fight Stirs Support--Savage!

By Burleigh Hines

Augustus A. Savage says his successful court fight against the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners has attracted support to his aldermanic candidacy in the 21st Ward.

Savage, 41, of 9902 S. Morgan, a neighborhood newspaperman, said:

"The response of the people has been great. Since my fight with the board I've had many calls from people wanting to help."

The board ruled Jan. 21 that Savage's nominating petitions lacked uniformity, an election code requirement, and dropped his name from the ballot.

HOWEVER, Savage filed,

suit and Circuit Judge Charles S. Dougherty ruled last Friday that Savage should be placed back on the ballot. Dougherty found the board's objections too minor and too technical to rule Savage off the ballot.

Savage, an outspoken independent and civil rights advocate, spoke Sunday at a "victory rally" in the St. Mark Methodist Church, 8441 S. St. Lawrence.

He said "independent candidates can take heart from the decision."

"The (Democratic) machine is in trouble."

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Savage Wins Fight for Spot on 21st Wd. Ballot

A Negro editor today won his fight for a place on the Feb. 28 ballot as a candidate for 21st ward alderman.

He is August A. Savage, 42, who had been disqualified by the Board of Election Commissioners on a finding that some sheets of his nominating petition were not of uniform size as required by the law.

Judge Charles S. Dougherty of Circuit court reversed the board. He said the sheets that were of uniform size contained enough signatures to support Savage's candidacy.

Savage and about 25 supporters cheered as the verdict was announced.

"Beginning of End"

"This is the beginning of the end of machine plantation politics in the Negro wards," Savage said later. "We will defeat the Daley-Dawson machine at the election."

The 21st, on the far south side, is 75 per cent Negro, Savage said. The court's decision makes him the fifth candidate for the council seat.

The only white candidate is the incumbent, Samuel A. Yaksic, who is backed by the regular Republican organization. The Democrat-backed candidate is Wilson Frost. The other aspirants are James D. Montgomery and David Logan.

Savage is employed by a south side chain of newspapers. He is not one of the 13 persons also disqualified by the election board who are plaintiffs in a suit filed yesterday in federal District court seeking more than a million dollars in damages from the election commissioners.

Prepared by A. C. L. U.

The suit, prepared by the American Civil Liberties union, also asks that the aldermanic election in 15 wards be suspended pending the outcome of

the litigation. Besides the disqualified candidates, 31 voters are plaintiffs in the action.

The suit charges the three commissioners with discrimination in striking the names from the ballot because of challenges of their nominating petitions.

The 13 are: Robert Briscoe [31]; Edward E. Hendricks [6]; Bennie Guthrie [17]; Gerald L. Lonski [26]; Walter J. Sokolowski [32]; Elmer V. Mayer [35]; Sarah G. Peterard [35]; George J. Schwab [35]; Robert J. Roback [45]; Philip A. Tunis [46]; Robert N. Haage [47]; Richard K. Hikawa [48]; and Lawrence W. Bay [49].

Jay A. Miller, executive director of the A. C. L. U. Illinois division, said the damages are not sought for the money itself.

"The request for damages entitles us to take depositions, statements under oath from those involved," he explained. "I hope in this way we can learn what happened."

Miller charged the dismissal was an attempt by the board to prevent independent candidates from running, which in effect was protection for candidates of either major party.

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Court Orders Savage's Name Back on Ballot

Augustus A. Savage, South Side newspaper publisher, Friday won his court fight to get back on the ballot for the Feb. 28 aldermanic election.

Savage is an independent candidate in the 21st Ward.

Circuit Judge Charles S. Dougherty said a sense of justice required him to overrule the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners.

Savage, 41, of 9907 S. Morgan, was among 51 aldermanic candidates ruled off the ballot by the board for alleged irregularities in nominating petitions.

TWO OTHER aldermanic hopefuls deprived of places on the ballot — Lamar L. Hoke (4th) and Sidney S. Altman (7th) — also have filed Circuit Court suits to upset the election board ruling.

Savage's victory came as the American Civil Liberties Union asked the U.S. District Court to block aldermanic elections in 15 wards because of the election board's arbitrary misuse of power.

Savage, a Negro, is considered to have a good chance of winning the 21st Ward aldermanic seat now held by Samuel Yaksic, a Republican. The ward is about 80 per cent Negro.

Among group supporting Savage is the Citizens for an Effective City Council. Former Democratic state Representative Abner J. Mikva, an organizer of the council, was

one of two lawyers representing Savage in court Friday.

ELECTION board attorney Stanley Kusper Jr. said the board merely followed the law in throwing Savage off the

ballot for having nominating petitions of two different sizes.

Mikva and attorney Harry Golter argued that Savage had more than 1,950 signatures on his petitions, while only 433 were needed. They said petitions of either size contained more than the required number of signatures.

They also charged that the board applied a strict interpretation of the law to the size requirement but ignored the fact that the objections to Savage's petitions cited wrong sections of the election code.

In ordering Savage's name back on the ballot, Judge Dougherty said, "I don't think the law intended that in a ridiculous situation such as this a man should be ruled off the ballot."

THE ACLU suit is the organization's first attempt to block an election outside the South.

Thirteen candidates ruled off the Feb. 28 ballot by the election board are among the 44 plaintiffs in the suit.

They ask a total of \$1300,000 in damages from the three board members, Sidney T. Holzman, chairman; Marie H. Suthers and Francis P. Canary.

THE SUIT seeks to block the Feb. 28 election in the 3d, 4th, 6th, 7th, 17th, 21st, 26th, 28th, 32d, 35th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th and 49th wards.

Where candidates themselves are not petitioners in the wards, voters who signed petitions are listed as plaintiffs.

The candidates ruled off the ballot who joined in the suit are: Robert Baiscos (3d); Edward E. Henricks (6th); Benjie Guthrie (17th); Gerald L. Lonski (26th); Walter J. Sokolowski (32d); Elmer V. Mayer; Sarah G. Peternard; and

George J. Schwab (35th); Robert J. Rollack (45th); Philip A. Tunis (46th); Robert N. Haage (47th); Richard K. Hikawa (48th) and Lawrence W. Bay (49th).

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Judge Orders Negro Aldermanic Candidate Savage's Name Put On Ballot For Feb. 28

By Frank Sullivan

The name of an independent Negro aldermanic candidate, ordered off the Feb. 28 ballot by the Board of Election Commissioners, was ordered back on Friday by Circuit Court Judge Charles S. Dougherty.



AUGUSTUS A. SAVAGE

Augustus A. Savage, running in the 21st Ward, described the ruling as "the beginning of the end" of plantation politics in Negro wards.

"Now," he said, "we're going to defeat the Daley-Dawson machine."

Dougherty's order came at the end of a hearing in which attorneys representing Savage argued that the board had acted arbitrarily and capriciously on Jan. 21 in declaring Savage's aldermanic nominating petition to be legally invalid.

The board had based its decision on the fact that the nominating petition consisted of sheets of two different sizes.

A section of the Illinois Election Code requires sheets of uniform size.

Judge Dougherty held that

there were sufficient valid signatures on one set of sheets and that the other size should have been considered surplusage.

The 73-year-old judge said, "I don't think the law ever intended this ridiculous situation would bar a candidate from participating in an election."

Sidney T. Holman, the election board chairman, said the board would abide by the ruling of the court.

Savage, 41, of 9907 S. Morgan, is the editor and publisher of three South Side community newspapers. He is running with the support of various civil rights groups.

His attorneys at Friday's hearing were former Democratic State Rep. Abner J. Mikva and Harry Golter.

Also running for a seat in the City Council from the 21st Ward are Ald. Samuel Yaksic, a Republican, Wilson Frost, the Democratic endorsed candidate, and independents James D. Montgomery and David Logan.

Yaksic is the only white candidate in the predominately Negro ward.

Judge Dougherty's ruling was greeted by applause from two dozen supporters of Savage.

Dougherty has been a judge for the past 31 years. From 1936 to 1952 he was on the

Municipal Court bench and since 1952 has served on the Circuit Court.

Prior to 1936 he was an assistant state's attorney for 12 years.

A Democrat, Dougherty has long had a reputation for judicial independence.

In three other cases Friday he upheld the election board's decisions on other nominating petitions.

Dismissed were suits filed by Lamar L. Hoke, from the 4th Ward; Sidney S. Altman, 7th Ward; and Leonard N. Foster, 28th Ward.

All were independents who sought places on the aldermanic ballot.

They and Savage were among 51 candidates excluded from the ballot by the election board last month. Pending in U.S. District Court here is a suit filed by the American Civil Liberties Union on behalf of 13 other of the ex-

cluded candidates. The suit seeks to block the aldermanic elections in 15 wards until candidates' names are placed on the ballot.

W. Chatham Forum Invites Candidates

All candidates for alderman in the 17th and 21st wards have been invited to address a West Chatham Improvement Assn. forum at 8 p.m. Tuesday in Commonwealth Community Church, 81st and S. La Salle.

Harry Griffin, chairman of the civic group's Action Committee, said the forum would resemble an old-time town meeting.

Each candidate is to speak no more than five minutes, stating his position on community issues. A half-hour discussion among the speakers will ensue, followed by a question period. The forum is open to the public.

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Reinstated Candidate Plans Rally

Campaign workers for aldermanic hopeful Augustus A. Savage, placed on the 21st ward ballot yesterday by a Circuit court ruling, are busy today preparing for a "victory rally" tomorrow afternoon.

Savage was disqualified last month by the board of election commissioners, who ruled that his nominating petitions were not of uniform size as required by law.

Judge Charles S. Dougherty reversed the board, noting that sheets of one size contained enough signatures to qualify Savage as a candidate.

Now A Rally

"We had been planning to announce a write-in campaign tomorrow if the decision went against us," Savage said. "Now we'll hold a victory rally instead."

The rally will be held at 7:30 p.m. in St. Marks Methodist church, 8441 St. Lawrence av. Speakers will include school board member Warren Bacon, former state representative Abner J. Mikva, Ald. Leon M. Despres, [5th], and an aid to the Rev. Martin Luther King, Hosea Williams.

While a festive air reigned in Savage headquarters, another would-be aldermanic candidate said he would disband his campaign staff.

Elmer Hoke, who had hoped to unseat 4th ward Ald. Claude W. B. Holman, also was ruled off the ballot by the commissioners. Judge Dougherty denied his reinstatement suit.

He Releases People

"I'm going to be a write-in candidate," Hoke said, "but I will release the people working in my campaign to help other independent aldermanic candidates who remain on the ballot."

Hoke and Savage are two of six independent candidates endorsed by the committee for an effective city council. The others are Fred Hubbard, 2d ward; Despres and A. A. Ray, 6th ward; and William Cousins, 8th ward.

Despres, the only incumbent endorsed by the group, is running without opposition.

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SUBJECT: AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION, ET AL
VS. CITY OF CHICAGO, ET AL
(U.S.D.C., N.D. ILL.)
CIVIL ACTION NO. 75-C-3295

Recently in the captioned case, Judge ALFRED Y. KIRKLAND entered Pretrial Order No. 3 which pertains to the conduct of the party litigants in matters of Discovery.

Paragraph No. 7 of the Order states as follows:

"In order to preserve data for discovery and trial, each of the Defendants is prohibited from destroying or altering, or permitting to be destroyed or altered, any documents or data compilations of any kind (as defined in Rule 34, F.R. Civ. P.) in their possession, custody or control that are or may be relevant to this litigation. With respect to those defendants who are executive or supervisory personnel of public agencies, this order extends to all documents or data compilations in the possession, custody or control of their agencies."

In order to comply with the pretrial order, no files or records pertaining to any of the plaintiffs are to be destroyed until such time as all litigation in captioned case has been completed.

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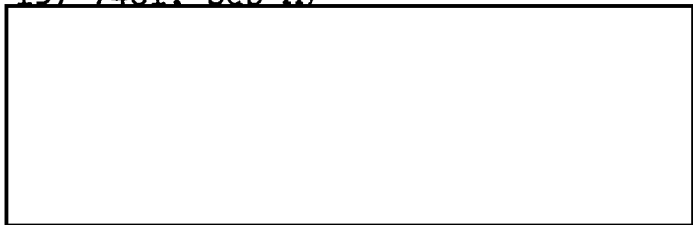
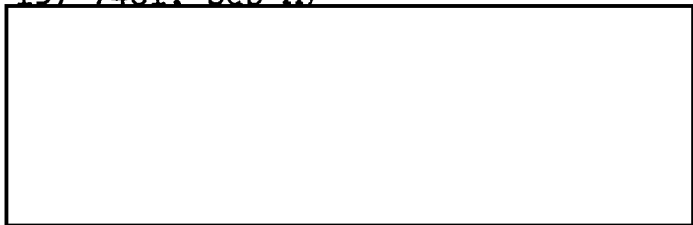
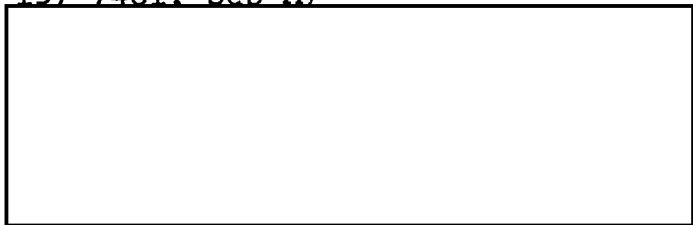
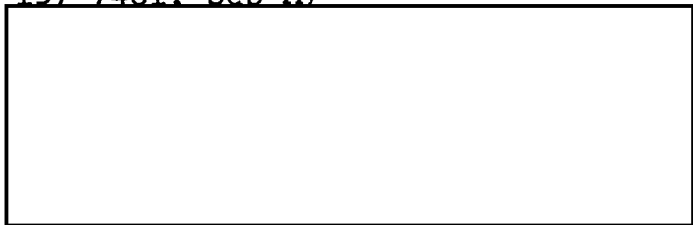
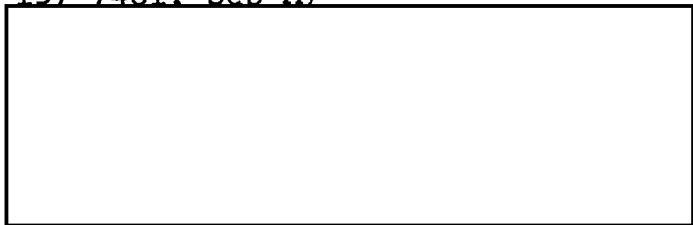








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